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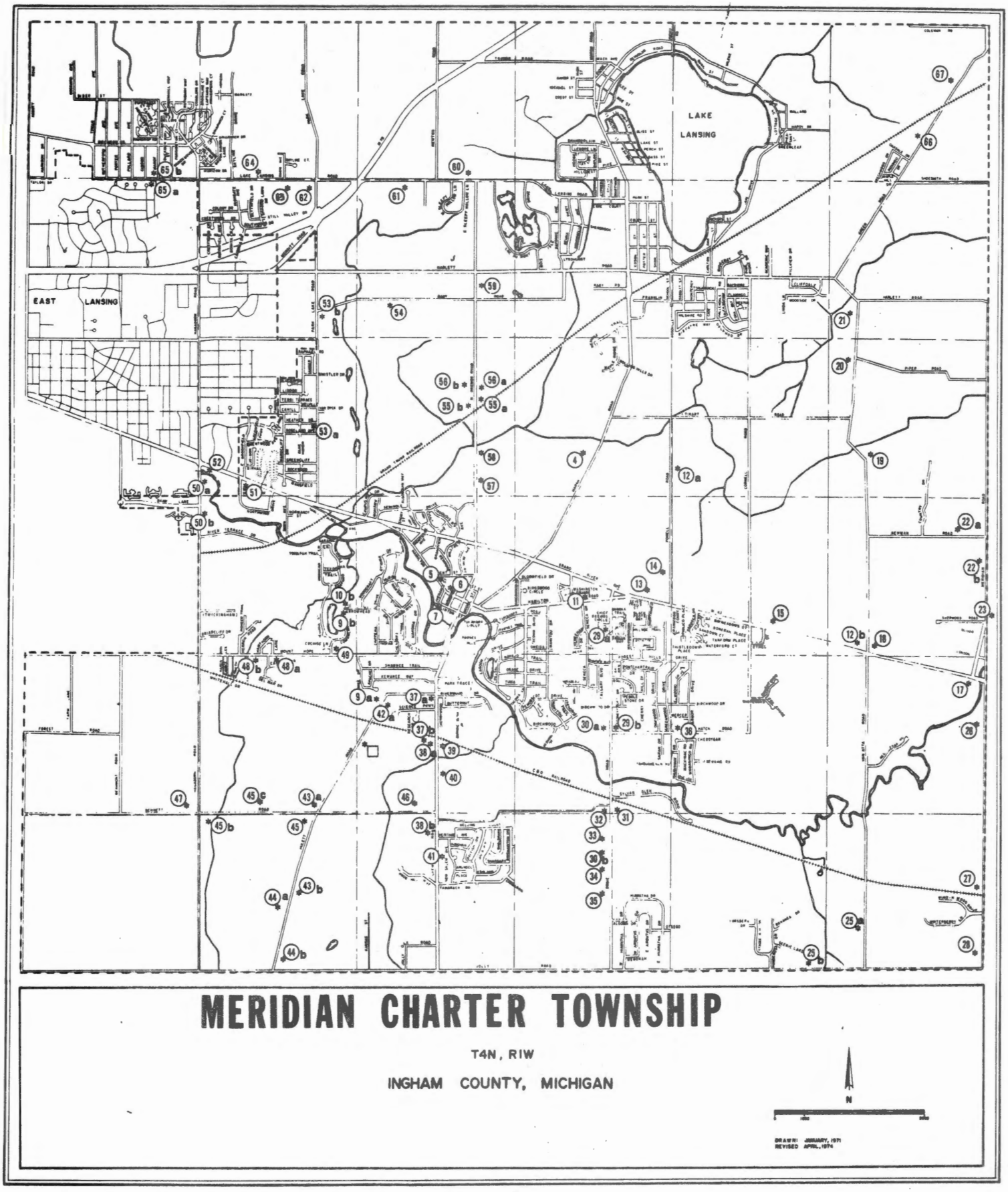

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December, 1974 B. Katherine Brown

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INTRODUCTION

Accurate dating of historical structures in the rural areas is especially difficult. Research has revealed that many of the rural structures were of log or crude frame construction and were replaced as the need or prosperity of the owner dictated. In many instances this was accomplished in phases, thus making it difficult to determine at what point the existing structure materialized. Dealing in virtually every instance with large acreages made it impossible to establish an increase in the assessments that would indicate the construction of a house, for these were farms with the accompanying structures necessary to their operation. The location in relation to the early community was another apparent factor in assessing its value. It was therefore necessary to conduct an extensive interview with those persons familiar with the early community and with the families associated with the structures in question.

As with the Okemos and Haslett-Lake Lansing reports, the structures discussed here were selected for their historical or architectural significance. With the exception of the Frank Lloyd Wright houses, most of the buildings presented in the following pages were built before 1900, and either were owned by residents of special significance to the history of the community, had architectural significance, or were located in some historically important area within the community.

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Our main sources for the data found in the following pages include the 1874 and 1895 County Atlases, the 1859 Topographical Map of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Meridian township tax assessment rolls, the county deeds, interviews with persons related to the structures, early newspaper accounts, and histories of Ingham County with their accompanying biographies.

Several structures of significance have been discovered in the course of this research. The most important one, and one that the township has already taken action to preserve, is the Toll House. Additional structures that deserve historical preservation are the three houses on Van Atta Road which so accurately characterize the type of homes built in the late 19th century in this area: the Case-Pease House, the Van Atta House, and the Foster Centennial Farm Home. The Werle-Hocking House is also of special importance because it is one of the very few "rammed earth" structures remaining in this country. Of national architectural significance are the four Frank Lloyd Wright houses still existing in the township, and much local interest and history is connected with the Carl House on Lake Lansing Road.

Not included in this study is a report on Michigan State University which was once in Meridian township but is now in East Lansing. Madison Kuhn's fine history of the university, Michigan State: The First Hundred Years, 1855-1955, very adequately describes its growth but our committee does believe that several of the oldest buildings -- Morrill Hall and the cluster of old structures to the south of it along the east side of circle drive -- should be listed on the National Register.

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Although the structures presented in the following pages may not be all of those buildings in the township worthy of mention, our committee has tried to incorporate enough of the early homes to give a representative picture of the type of buildings in the township before the turn of the century. If this report stimulates additional research on other structures, an enlargement of the research on any of the homes shown in this study, or on the history in general of the township, the work of this committee will have been justified.

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PROCTOR TOLL GATE HOUSE

Built in 1851 by Asa Proctor

Common Name:
Proctor Toll
Gate House

Location:
5100 Marsh Road
Okemos, Michigan

Owner:
Charter Township of Meridian
of above address.

Leagal Description:
Village Green Site,
Meridian Municipal Park.

Physical Description:
A small one-story frame structure.
Exterior altered in 1908.

Significance:
This structure was the No. 2 toll gate house on the Lansing to Howell portion of the plank road which was constructed in 1851 to connect the city of Detroit with the new capitol in Lansing. One of the most ambitious of any of the plank roads constructed in Michigan it was a toll road operated by the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company for 30 years.

The Proctor Toll House, one of seven toll gates between Lansing and Howell, was located just west of the Grand River viaduct near Dawn Ave. on the south side of the road. Adjacent to the Asa Proctor farm, the toll was collected by two generations of the Proctor family and the building was later used for a variety of purposes, both residential and as part of the farm operation. Road improvements by the State Highway Department in 1907 necessitated removing it from the road right-of-way and members of the Proctor family moved it to land they owned on N. Hagadorn Road. It remained at that location used as a residence until 1973 when development in that area again necessitated moving it or tearing it down. After several months of negotiation the structure was given to Meridian Township and moved in May of 1973 to the Wonch Park area. With the development of Meridian Township's Historic Village Green within the Municipal Park the structure was again moved in May of 1974 to its present site.

Believed to be the only remaining toll house structure from the period known as the Plank Road Era it has now been designated to the State Register of Historic Places by the State History Division. The Friends of Historic Meridian were instrumental in the research and preservation of this structure and, with the assistance of the Haslett Okemos Rotary and Jaycee organizations, restoration of the structure is now progressing.

Bibliographical References:
Friends of Historic Meridian, Proctor Toll House research material.

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BRAY GRANARY

Built before 1900

Common Name:
Bray Granary

Location:
2220 Hamilton Road at
the corner of Kent St.
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Lyle and Joann Nichols
4120 Vanneter Road
Williamston, Michigan

Legal Description:
Lot 20, Chas. Bray addition

Physical Appearance:
Single story white shingle
house with an addition on the back.

Significance:
The main portion of this house was the Bray farm granary. It was originally located across from the Bray home at 2270 Hamilton Rd., and was part of the large farm operated by two generations of the Bray family. They raised pure-bred horses and cattle and farmed a large area that is now Cedar Bend Heights and Ottawa Hills.

The small red building was moved down to the corner of Kent St. and Hamilton Road by Charles Bray in the 1930's and converted to a house.

Bibliographical References:
Interviews with Mrs. Della McKane and O.J. Becker, who worked for the Bray family and married Nellie Bray.

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UNION HOTEL SITE

Built before 1874

Common Name:
Union Hotel Site

Location:
2168 Hamilton Rd.
Okemos, Mich.

Present Owner:
Harold Baar

Legal Description:
Lot 6 of Block 4
Village of Okemos

Physical Appearance:
1 1/2 story bungalow

Significance:
This is the site of the Union Hotel which served the travelers on the Grand River Plank Road to Detroit. The present house was built, in 1924-26, on the back section of the hotel foundation which is visible on the east, west and north sides of the basement interior. The new foundation was laid on the old stone creating a shelf arrangement about 3 feet down on the basement wall. During the summer dry season the outline of the front foundation shows in the grass.

The Dan Eames, who lived there for 35 years, told of their problems with cave-ins in two areas at the back of the house where the hotel's ice house and cistern were located. These were out 10 or 12 feet from the northwest corner and required repeated filling. Digging produced sawdust. Near the outside edge of the front sidewalk is the landing where the customers pulled up in front of the hotel.

The old hotel building was last used to house the Consumers Power men who were installing electric lines in the village around 1915. It was torn down a short time later.

Bibliographical References:
Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Early history accounts; Interview with Mrs. Thelma Eames, October, 1972.

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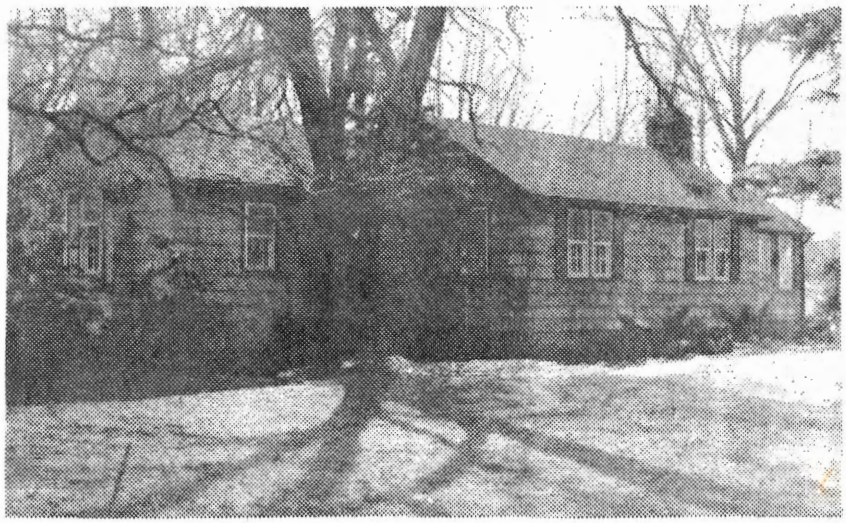
DAVIS MILL SITE

Built before 1900



Common Name:
Davis Mill Site

Location:
2191 Clinton St.
Okemos, Mich.

Present Owner:
Robt. Deans of
above address.

Legal Description:
Piece on S.E. ¼ of
Section 21.

Physical Appearance:
One-story green shingle cottage.

Significance:
This structure was part of the Davis Mill operation located nearby on the Red Cedar River. It was used as a drying house for the bend stock material being manufactured by the Mill's steam bending works. "Bend stock" was wood that was steamed and then bent into various shapes. Durant's 1880 history described this business as follows:

Saw and Planning-Mill & Steam Bending-Works

"Theodore F. Davis erected this present quite extensive establishment in 1866. It includes a saw-mill with planer attached, and bending-works. He cuts lumber and bends by steam material for wagons, carriages, sleighrunners, bobsleds, etc., and gives employment ordinarily to five hands. The market for manufacturing material is mostly at Detroit, though considerable quantities are sold to small shops throughout the country. The works are driven by an engine of twenty-five horse-power."

In 1882 the newspaper carried the following announcement:
"Theo. Davis is building an addition to his saw-mill and bending works."

Additional news items that same year spoke of the evening tent meetings being conducted by the Adventists on the bank of the T.F. Davis mill pond, continuing nightly for six weeks.

O.C. Holtz bought the structure and 3 acres of land in 1924-25 from Chet Davis, son of Theo. Davis. He described it as sitting low to the ground with 3 rooms partitioned off by plain 3/4 inch boards standing vertically. There were only 4 windows and the interior walls were of tongue and groove lumber. The exterior was of 6 inch lapped siding. He built a basement, added windows and new siding.

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Mr. Holtz sold the property in 1935 to William Trickey, who built additions to the structure and did extensive remodeling based on a Better Homes & Garden plan for a "Swedish Cottage."

Bibliographical References:
1880 History of Ingham & Eaton Counties; Lansing State Republican Newspaper; Correspondence with O.C. Holtz; Interviews with Mr. Maynard Eberly and Mrs. Wm. Trickey.

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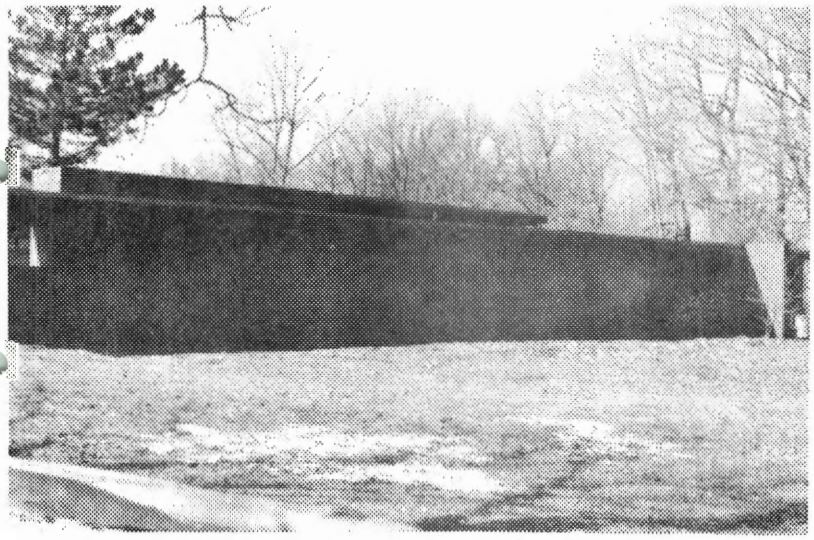
FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOUSES

There are four homes in the Okemos Area designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and are included for their architectural significance.

Frank Lloyd Wright is generally regarded as one of the world's greatest architects. He is known for a unique style which he introduced early in this century. The long, low and horizontal lines of his homes, with windows grouped together in long rows and wide overhanging eaves, he termed "The Prairie Style". His one-story houses of the 1930's he termed "The Usonian Style" and they established many features of contemporary house design, including the "carport" which he devised and named. These homes in the Okemos area all reflect his extensive use of natural woods and brick.

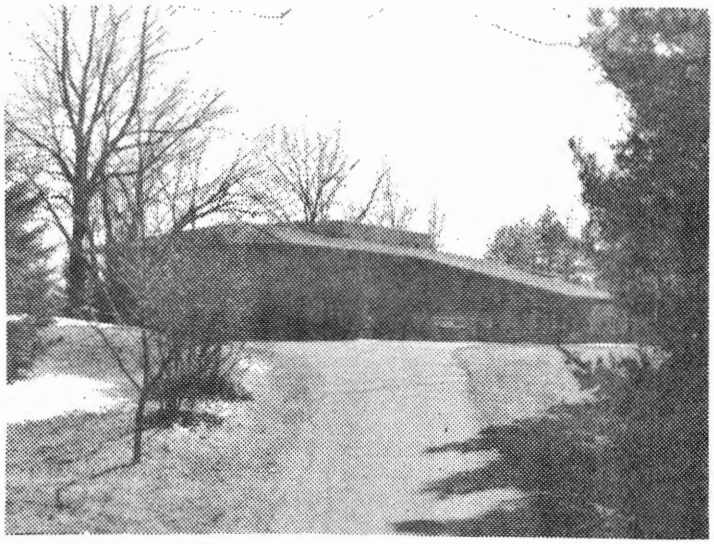
A. Location: 2410 Hulett Road
Okemos, Michigan



Owner: Elizabeth Halstead
831 Collingwood
East Lansing, MI

This structure was built in 1938 in a wooded rural setting and was a unique attraction in the area for many years. It was designed for Alma Goetsch and Kathyrn Winkler who were on the staff of the University. This house was a smaller version of Mr. Wright's contemporary design and is considered the best example of his Usonian style.

B. Location: 2527 Arrow Head Road
Okemos, Michigan



Owner: E. B. Brauner
of above address

This structure was built by the Brauners in 1949 and is another example of the Usonian style. The Brauners had known Mr. Wright for a number of years and were influential in bringing him to Michigan State University to lecture. They visited him at his offices in Spring Green, Wis., concerning the design of their home.

Bibliographical References:
World Book Encyclopedia; Interviews with Mr. Ralph Turner and Mr. E. B. Brauner.

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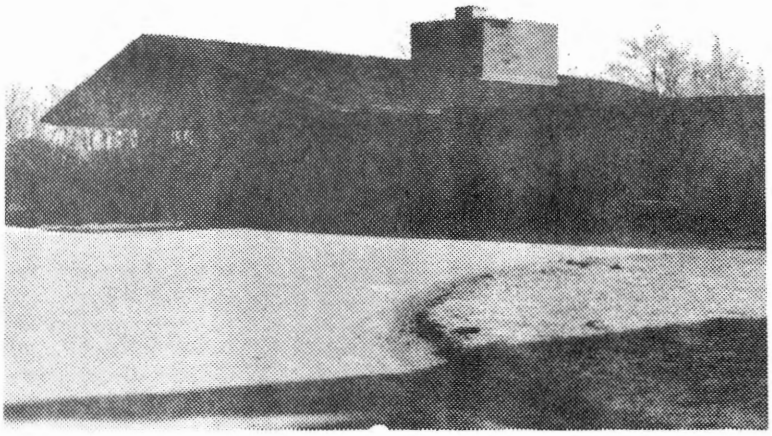
A. Location: 1155 Wrightwind Drive
Okemos, Michigan

Owner: Donald A. Schaberg
of above address



The Schabergs built this house in 1958 after conferring with Frank Lloyd Wright.

They had a number of personal visits with him at his homes in Spring Green, Wisconsin and Scottsdale, Arizona. The Schaberg home is a one-story brick and natural cypress home overlooking a valley, and is more typical of Mr. Wright's Prairie Style.

B. Location: 2504 Arrow Head Road
Okemos, Michigan

Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Wm. T. Martin III
of above address

The 7 room house originally built for Mr. James Edwards in 1949-50 was designed by Mr. Wright. (A master bedroom suite was added in 1969 by the Taliesin Association for the F. Jerome Corrs. The rectangular spaces of the home with red asphalt shingles are constructed of red brick and red tidewater cypress). This is another example of the Wrightian Prairie Style.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Assessing Department; Interview with Mr. Don A. Schaberg; (Correspondence from Mr. William T. Martin III; and The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright by William A. Storrer, The M.I.T. Press).

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ELIAS SPROSS HOUSE

Built 1880-85 by Elias Spross

Common Name:
Elias Spross House

Location:
1738 Hamilton Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Robert J. Lundberg of
above address

Legal Description:
N.W. ¼ of S.E. ¼ of
Section 22.

Physical Appearance:
White shingle two-story upright with a wing. Presently used as a beauty shop.

Significance:
This land was part of the Gottfried Herre farm until his daughter, Louise, married Elias Spross in 1880 and, as was his custom, he gave the newlyweds one-half acre to build a home on. In 1882 the tax rolls show this one-half acre was assessed to Elias Spross for $300. A member of the Spross family states that they lived in the house while it was being built and that it has had additions made to the original structure. The house was sold in 1939 following the death of Mrs. Spross.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Interview with Mr. Donald Spross, February, 1974.

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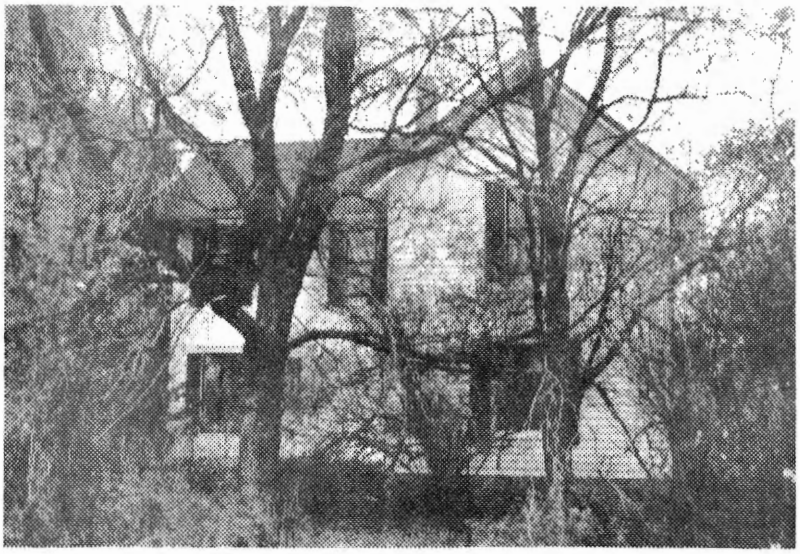
AREA: East Grand River Ave., Powell Rd. and North Van Atta Rd.



A. Location:
5088 Powell Rd., Okemos
Owner: John DeMartelly
Built: 1880-85
Built by: John Kleiver

Description: White frame, two-story. Few alterations.

B. Location:
Grand River at Van Atta Road
Okemos
Owner: Orson Winslow
Built: 1880-85
Built by: Abel Belknap

Description: Two-story with white aluminum siding. Addition made to second story. Porch removed and converted to apartments.

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DANIEL - WILLIAMS' FARM Built 1855-60 by George C. Young

Common Name:
Daniel-Williams' Farm

Location:
1560 E. Grand River
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Clyde Williams
of above address

Legal Description:
N.E. part of the S.E. ¼
of Section 22.

Physical Appearance:
A two-story upright with
an attached wing of frame
construction.

Significance:
This structure is probably the oldest remaining structure in the rural Okemos area. George C. Young purchased this 160 acre parcel from a non-resident in 1846. He split the 160 acres with his brother, Daniel, retaining 90 acres on the east part which was assessed for $140 in 1850. By 1854 this assessed valuation had increased to $430 and by 1859 it was valued at $700. In 1866 George C. Young sold 60 acres of this parcel to Almeron Daniels for $3600.

The farm remained in the Daniel's family until it was purchased in 1922 by Clyde Williams, the present owner and occupant for the past 51 years. According to Mr. Williams the frame contains many large timbers of four by four inch dimensions with eight inch corner timbers cut out four inches to make the inside corners of the house. There is an old circular stone well which has had a newer well drilled inside of it.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Ingham County Deeds, Liber 38, page 111; Interview with Clyde Williams, January, 1973; Ingham County Atlas, 1874.

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NIEBLING - BECKER FARM Built in 1880 by Jacob M. Niebling

Common Name:
Niebling - Becker Farm

Location:
4777 Powell Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
O. J. Becker of
above address

Legal Description:
40 acres on the S.E. ¼
of the N.E. ¼ of Section 22.

Physical Appearance:
Two-story white frame farm-house. Well maintained with little exterior alteration. Surroundings include a large barn and several smaller buildings.

Significance:
Mr. Becker and his wife, the former Nellie Bray, bought the farm in 1919 from the Nieblings, at which time they were told the house had been built 40 years earlier. The 1879 tax rolls show this 40 acres assessed at $350 and by 1882 the assessed valuation had increased to $1,250 indicating the frame structure had been built in that period. The barn was built in 1904 according to the Lansing State Journal, which carried the following item under the Okemos news: "The work on Jacob Niebling's barn is rapidly progressing." Mr. Becker has lived and farmed here for 53 years. At one time he was raising thoroughbred Belgian horses, selling them to the college (M.S.U.), one of which became an International Champion.

Jacob M. Niebling, builder of the house, was born in Germany and emigrated to America with his family in 1855 at the age of seven. He was married in 1876 and a year later came to Meridian Township and bought 40 acres upon which were a log house and a barn. Until their retirement to the Village, the Niebling's farmed up to 100 acres for over 40 years. They were one of a number of German immigrants who settled to the north and east of Okemos.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Past and Present of the City of Lansing and Ingham County; interview with O. J. Becker, June, 1972; Lansing State Journal, June, 1904.

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BOWERMAN FARM Built 1895-1900 by Michale H. Bowerman

Common Name:
Bowerman Farm

Location:
1174 Grand River
Okemos, Mich. 48864

Present Owner:
John Mercer
1685 Boulevard Dr.
Okemos, Mich.

Legal Description:
113 acres on the E. 1/2 of the N.E. 1/4 of Section 23.

Physical Appearance:
A large 2 1/2 story frame and shingle structure with numerous appendages. Located on a hill in a grove of mature trees with a sizable carriage house in the rear. Both structures have been rented for some length of time and are in a deteriorating condition.

Significance:
Michael H. Bowerman of Williamston Township purchased this 175 acres for $1000 in January of 1877. The early tax rolls and an item in an 1885 edition of the Lansing Republican Newspaper indicate an earlier structure on this 175 acre parcel, but Mr. Bowerman built this home for his retirement years according to his family and early residents of the area. It was assessed in 1895 for $4,600 and by 1901 the assessed value had increased to $8000.

Michael H. Bowerman was a young Quaker from Albany, New York, who came to Williamston on a prospecting tour around 1870. He contracted with the local farmers to provide logs for custom work, then purchased a portable steam sawmill. He engaged an engineer to operate the mill and he later became his partner in the lumber business. Together they did a large business for many years, supplying lumber to both local and eastern markets. Lumber sold in Jackson went to the Prison Wagon Company. The mill burned and Mr. Bowerman then went into the real estate business in Williamston, eventually retiring to his farm in Okemos where he lived out his remaining years.

According to some of the early residents, the Bowermans were people of prominence in this early community and Mrs. Bowerman was an active member of the Baptist Church. Their son, Willard, is remembered for his escapades with one of the first automobiles in this area.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Ing. County Deeds, Liber 63, pg. 544; Historic Mich. Vol. 3; History of Williamston; Lansing State Republican Newspaper, April, 1885; Interviews with: O.J. Becker, 6/72; Mrs. Mary Daniels, 10/72; Mrs. Viola Hatch Doane, 2/74; Mr. Stuart Bowerman, 2/74.

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MULLETT - WHITE SCHOOL Built in 1881

Common Name:
Mullett School District No. 5

Location:
N. Van Atta Road
at Grand River

Present Owmer:
Orson Winslow
734 Grand River
Okemos, Michigan

Legal Description:
E. ½ of S.W. ¼ of
Section 24

Physical Appearance:
A one-story white frame structure facing west on Van Atta Road.

Significance:
This structure was the District No. 5 School of Meridian known as the Mullett School and later called the White School. It was originally located on the corner of Van Atta facing Grand River but was moved back in 1940 by Orson Winslow when he built a gas station at that location. At that time the entrance was moved to the side of the structure and the high windows replaced.

John Mullett, Sr., who came to the area in 1846, gave the land for the first school built about 1853. The Mullett home, which also served as the Red Bridge Post Office, was located east of here at Meridian Road along with the Toll Gate No. 3 of the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company. The gatekeeper's daughter, Jerusha Doyle, who later became Mrs. Charles J. Mullett taught in that first school. The earlier structure was replaced in 1881 according to a news item published in the Lansing Republican weekly newspaper.

The one-room school, consisting of eight grades, was closed in 1922 when the Okemos District was consolidated and was converted to a private residence after being sold.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Pioneer History of Ingham County: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, 1880: Lansing State Republican newspaper: Interviews with: Eleanor Foster Davis, Morrow Kinney and Orson Winslow.

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MULLETT FARM - RED BRIDGE

Built in 1853-58
by John H. Mullett, Sr.

Common Name:
John Mullett Farm -
Red Bridge Post Office

Location:
127 W. Grand River at
Meridian Road, Okemos, MI

Present Owner:
Dr. E. E. Visger of
above address

Legal Description:
N.E. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4
of Section 25

Physical Appearance:
Single-story brown
shingle structure. Altered.

Significance:
The original structure on this site was a long one and one-half story white frame structure built by John H. Mullett, Sr. in about 1855 to serve as an Inn or Hotel on the plank road to Detroit. It also served as the residence of the Mullett family and post office for the community known as "Red Bridge". The tax assessment rolls show a significant increase in 1852 and 1859 and early history accounts state that Mr. Mullett settled with his sons in Meridian Township in 1855. The house underwent extensive remodeling in 1918 and in 1945 a fire did considerable damage, all of which has substantially altered the original structure.

The surrounding area and post office located here were known as "Red Bridge", so named for the red wooden bridge which crossed the Red Cedar River just east of the house. To the west was the gate house of the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company, home of Mr. Doyle who was for many years keeper of Toll Gate No. 3 on the plank road to Detroit. Mr. Mullett was the first postmaster of this rural post office which, like many others, served as a meeting place and social center where neighbors gathered to discuss the weather, crops, social events and the more serious questions of politics and religion.

The Post Office was moved south on Meridian Road when the railroad was built in 1871 and the name of the post office was changed to Meridian. In 1881 the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company dissolved closing the gate houses and when the old red wooden bridge was replaced a few years later, "Red Bridge" became a part of the past.

John H. Mullett, Sr., a civil engineer, was one of the first settlers of Michigan coming originally from Rutland Co., Vermont, to Detroit in 1814. He purchased 151.38 acres of land on Section 25 of Meridian Township in 1846. It is reported that some of this land was payment

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in return for surveying work that he did. He served as County Surveyor for many years surveying most of Meridian and Williamston Townships and establishing the Meridian line of Michigan. He had determined this location to be the very center of the lower peninsula and submitted this site for the proposed new capitol when it was moved from Detroit in 1847. The Township of Lansing became a compromise for the many sites being proposed.

The Mullett family remained at this location for a period of seventy years farming large tracts of land and owned a total of 390 acres at one time. Remaining members of the family sold the farm in 1918 to Edward P. Kinney of East Lansing who replaced the aging farm buildings and remodeled the house for his family. His son Morrow Kinney describes that early structure as a long slender building with a front entrance from where one could see down a long hall clear to the back woodshed. Off this hall were many rooms like horse stalls.

The Kinney family was active in the Okemos community. Mr. E. P. Kinney was a member of the school board when the district consolidated and the "new school" was built at Mt. Hope and Okemos Roads. The farm which became known as "Cedar Bend Farm" was the scene of many parties and barn dances and provided the students from the agricultural college a view of modern farming operations.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, - 1880; Pioneer History of Ingham County; Historic Michigan, Volume 3; Interviews with Dr. E. E. Visger, Morrow Kinney and Beatrice Kinney Curtis. Ingham County Register of Deeds, Liber 226, page 438.

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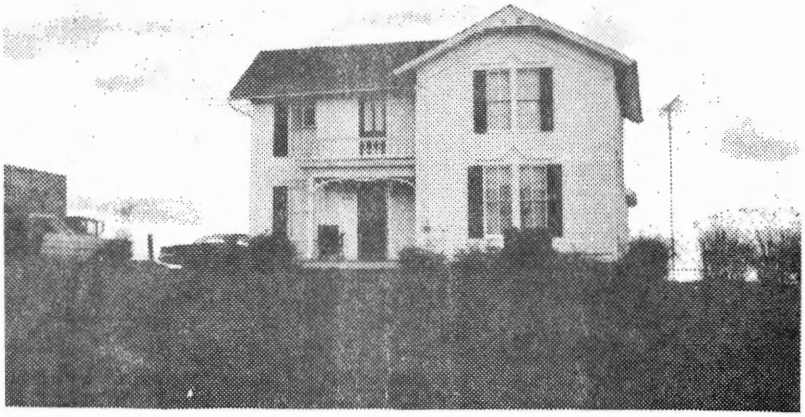
FOSTER CENTENNIAL FARM HOME Built before 1874

Common Name:
Foster Farm

Location:
5100 Van Atta Road
Okemos, Michigan



Owner:
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Davis
5120 Van Atta Road, Okemos

Legal Description:
Part of S.W. 1/4 S. of center of Foster Drain, Section 13 - 108.90 acres

Physical Appearance:
White frame, two-story upright, two-story wing with one-story addition.

Significance:
One of the few registered centennial farms in Meridian Township, this property has been in the possession of the Foster family since 1874. That year Henry Foster came into possession of the house and land although the house had been built prior to that date. The current owner, Eleanor (Foster) Davis, granddaughter of Henry Foster, was born in the house, as was her father, Sidney Foster. Mrs. Davis's grandchildren are the 6th generation to be associated with the farm. Sidney Foster was one of the first farmers to carry on experimental crop testing for Michigan Agricultural College starting in 1916.

One of the original three barns remains on the property and is now across the road from the farm house. There is still the old watering tank on the north end of the barn where many travelers stopped to water their horses. Mr. Foster's diary of 1893 mentioned an old log house used for machinery storage but that is now gone.

The house itself has been remodelled twice over the years. A porch on the back of the house has now become part of the kitchen and a bedroom. Originally there was a hand pump by the kitchen sink but that is also gone. Most of the flooring downstairs has been changed but the original wide flooring remains upstairs, and the basement is still of the original stones.

Bibliographical References:
Old legal documents and diary of Sidney Foster; verbal data from Mr. and Mrs. Roland Davis and other early residents.

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VAN ATTA HOUSE

Built in 1879
by George G. Van Atta

Common Name:
Van Atta House

Location:
5435 Van Atta Road
Okemos, Michigan

Owner:
Floyd Linn
of above address

Legal Description:
W. 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 of
S.W. 1/4 lying West of
Van Atta Rd., on Section 13.

Physical Appearance:
A large two-story square red brick structure with many rooms and windows. Somewhat altered.

Significance:
This house was built by George G. Van Atta in 1879 on his 550 acre farm as a home for his growing family. The foundation is of stone from the surrounding area. It contained ten bedrooms, eight on the second floor. These were reached by two sets of stairs, one a long spiral. One set of stairs led to the men's chamber. A third set of stairs led to the roof to reach an enclosed lookout. Mrs. Van Atta used to climb these stairs to scan the surrounding farm land for her husband when he was working in the fields. Two porches, one around the second story and one around the first story, surrounded the house on three sides. This house also had one of the first furnaces in the area, described as bricked up to the top. Stoves were needed for extra heat. A large water tank (5 ft. diam. 6 ft. high) was installed in a woodshed and sawdust packed around it to keep water from freezing. A windmill supplied the water. The present structure does not have the porches or the lookout on the rooftop. The ceilings have been lowered and some rooms altered inside. This structure was considered a "mansion" at the time it was built and contained many modern innovations.

A frame house preceded this brick one on this land and it should be noted that the current Van Atta Road derives its name from this farm family.

Bibliographical References:
Verbal description and history by Mary and Orlo Elliott, granddaughter and grandson of Mr. Van Atta; The Pioneer History of Ingham County (Vol. I, Lansing, Mich., 1923); History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, 1880.

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CASE - PEASE HOUSE

Built before 1874
by Albert Case

Common Name:
Case-Pease House

Location:
5567 Van Atta Road
Haslett, Michigan

Owner:
Mrs. Florence Pease
of above address

Legal Deseription:
Part of S.W. 1/4 of
S.W. 1/4, Section 12.

Physical Appearance:
White frame two-story upright with a wing. Somewhat altered from original.

Significance:
Built before 1874, this two-story upright white frame house has a one-story wing housing the dining room and kitchen and two bedrooms upstairs. The house has tamarack studding and a stone wall cellar with a dirt floor. The old kitchen was replaced in 1948. The current owner, Mrs. Pease, stated that her father-in-law helped set out the large trees around the house when he was 16 years old while working for Albert Case, the owner in 1874. This house is an excellent example of a typical farm home of the late nineteenth century.

Bibliographical References:
Abstract, going back to 1837, provided by the present owner, 81-year-old,Florence Pease; verbal description by Mrs. Pease and contemporaries; Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim.

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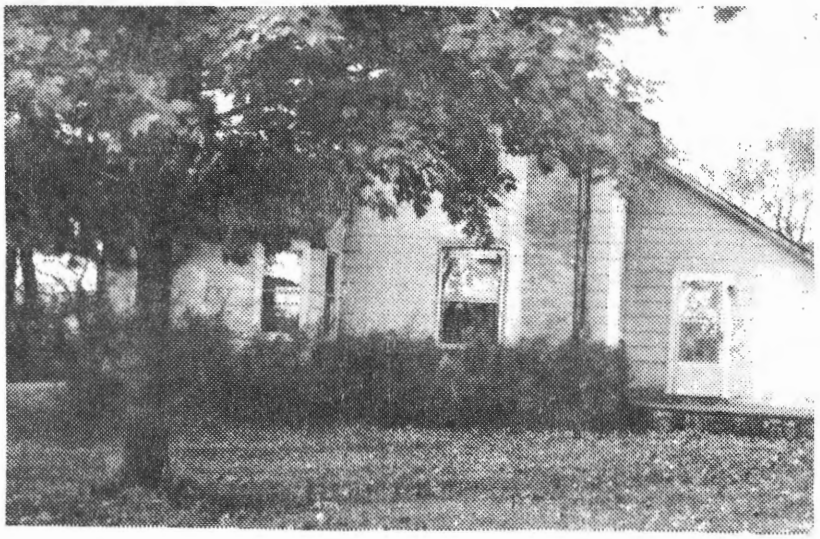
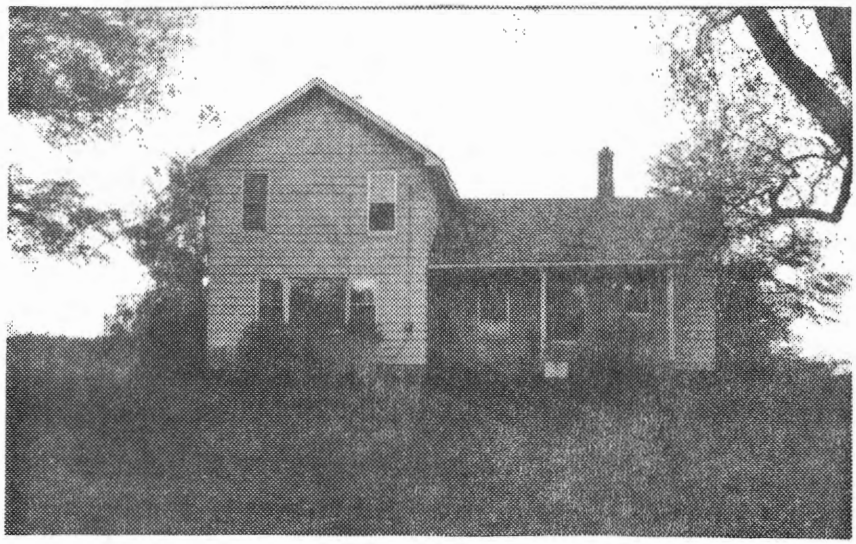
AREA: Newman Road and North Meridian Road

A. Location:
174 Newman Road
Owner: M.E. King
Built: 1865-70
Built by: Fred Youngerman



Description: The original portion of this structure has been extensively altered and added onto.

B. Location:
4761 N. Meridian Road
Williamston
Owner: Jon Holmes
Built: 1870-75
Built by: S. Watson



Description: Two-story upright with wing. Aluminum siding and storm windows.

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ST. KATHERINE'S CHAPEL Built in 1887 by John H. Forster

Common Name:
St. Katherine's Chapel

Location:
4650 N. Meridian Road
Williamston, Michigan

Present Owner:
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Legal Description:
S.W. Cor. of S.W. 1/4
of Section 20
Williamstown Township

Physical Appearance:
Single story, with a side entrance. White, vertical board and batten siding and a shake shingle roof. Its facade features a large stained glass window of red, blue & amber panels.

Significance:
This structure is located on the east side of Meridian Road, placing it in Williamston Township, but because of its significance to that area it seemed quite necessary to include it in this report. It was built in 1887 by John Harris Forster in memory of his daughter, Katherine, who died at the age of six years and who is buried in the nearby family plot. Located next to the Forster home, a large handsome mansion called "Springbrook", the chapel served as a worship place for the family and members of the community.

John H. Forster was a noted mining engineer from Houghton, Michigan, who came here in the early seventies. He had worked for the government on the Sault Canal in the upper peninsula, and made a survey of Beaver Island during the reign of "King" James Strang. Mrs. Forster was the former Martha Mullett, whose brother John H. Mullett lived at the corner of Meridian Road and Grand River, an area known as "Red Bridge". It is said that the Forsters coming was of great benefit to the social life and raised both the intellectual and moral standing of this pioneer community. Mr. Forster was an active member of the Okemos Grange and the Ingham County Farmers Club. The scope of his farming operation was indicated in an early news item as follows: "John H. Forster of Meridian, who owns one of the finest farms in Ingham County, has 12 head of valuable Jersey cattle, all imported from Europe. He has just completed two new barns at a cost of $2,000. His farm consists of 300 acres and is known as the Springbrook tract, near the Red Bridge."

The Chapel was consecrated April 3, 1888, and placed under the jurisdiction of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan, but Forster retained title until his death in 1894. Still used for small

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services, the chapel will be preserved as a memorial to the faith of its founders. Its significant historical and architectural value resulted in its placement on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970. A new Episcopal Church built in 1962 now stands where "Springbrook" once stood as a landmark for some ninety years.

Bibliographical References:

Pioneer History of Ingham County; Lansing State Journal, April, 1963; Lansing State Republican, Nov. 30, 1875; Michigan History Division, Department of State.

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AREA: South Van Atta Road, South Meridian Road and Jolly Road

A. Location:
3623 S. Van Atta Road
Okemos
Owner: Wm. Eaton
Built: 1875-80
Built by: Norman Cook

Description: Brick two-story upright with wing. Few alterations.

B. Location:
1070 Jolly Road
Owner: Chas. Forsberg
Built: 1880-85
Built by: Jas. Woodworth

Description: Two-story frame, unpainted. No alterations.

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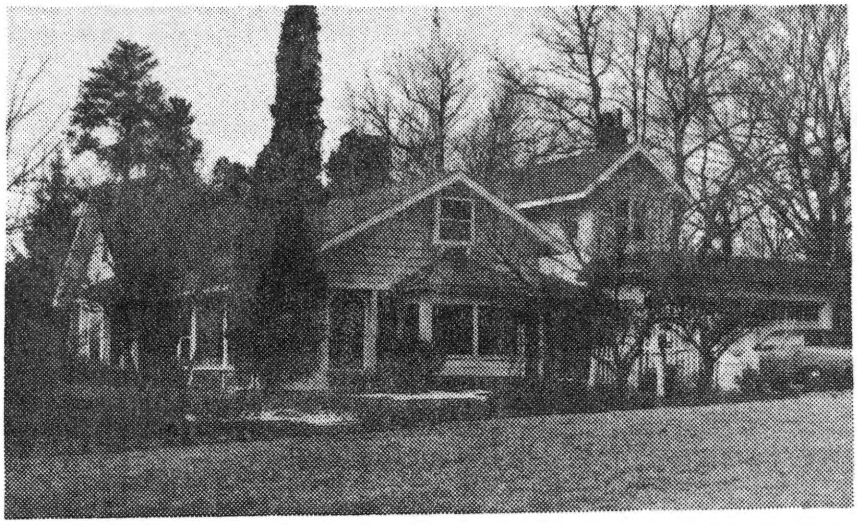
WERLE - HOCKING HOUSE Built by Theodore J. Werle in 1926



Common Name:
Werle - Hocking House

Location:
4205 S. Meridian Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
John G. Hocking of the above address

Legal Description:
N.E. ¼ of Section 25

Physical Appearance:
1½ story "cottage" with brick and siding covering the rammed earth walls. An addition was built in 1929.

Significance:
This house is one of a very few "rammed earth" houses in this country. Rammed-earth construction was developed by the early Romans, and structures built by them centuries ago are still standing today. The type of earth used in this construction is quite common in this area. Requirements are that it be entirely free from organic matter, and that it have a certain clay content. Rammed-earth walls are pounded into molds about eight-feet long by three-feet high and upwards of a foot and a half in thickness. It is estimated that it takes three men a week to pound out one of these molds full of earth. Although the earth sets quickly, it does not attain its greatest degree of hardness for two years.

The original structure was built in 1926 of earth and lumber. The earth was obtained entirely from the land on which the building stands. At one point in the job, workmen ran out of material and it was necessary to scout around the property to find another patch of suitable ground. The walls are some 26 or 28 inches thick, comprising 22 inches of the rammed earth, covered on the outside with decorative brickwork and on the inside with plyboard. The rammed earth is not exposed in any place in the building.

The exterior foundation and an interior fireplace are constructed of "clinker" bricks and heavy timber are evidenced throughout the structure.

Bibliographical References:
Lansing State Journal, November 1, 1942; Conversation with Mrs. John Hocking, present owner.

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MERIDIAN

Established in 1871

Common Name:
Meridian

Location:
South Meridian Road
at the railroad crossing.

Legal Description:
E. 1/2 of Section 36

Physical Appearance:
Some 6 structures, one of which appears to have been an early school.

Significance:
At the far boundaries of Meridian and Williamstown Township, in the area of South Meridian Road at the railroad crossing, there remains a scattering of structures that were part of a settlement known as "Meridian." Though no village was ever platted, a post office and railroad station were established there shortly after the completion of the Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railway in 1871. A telegraph station was added in 1879.

James Carr, who kept a small store, was appointed postmaster and about the same time a steam sawmill was erected. By 1880, in addition to the sawing business, they had added the manufacture of boat oars. In 1878 A.A. Dwight established a lumber business at the station and opened a supply store in connection with the lumber trade. A stave or barrel factory operated there for a brief time.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church was established there about 1877, with some fifty members, and within several years they erected a frame building. Around 1920 this building was sold and moved away.

The remaining buildings are all located in Williamstown Township and appear to have been residential structures, with the exception of the school building, which has been converted to residential use.

Bibliographical References:
History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, 1880; Pioneer History of Ingham County, Volume 1.

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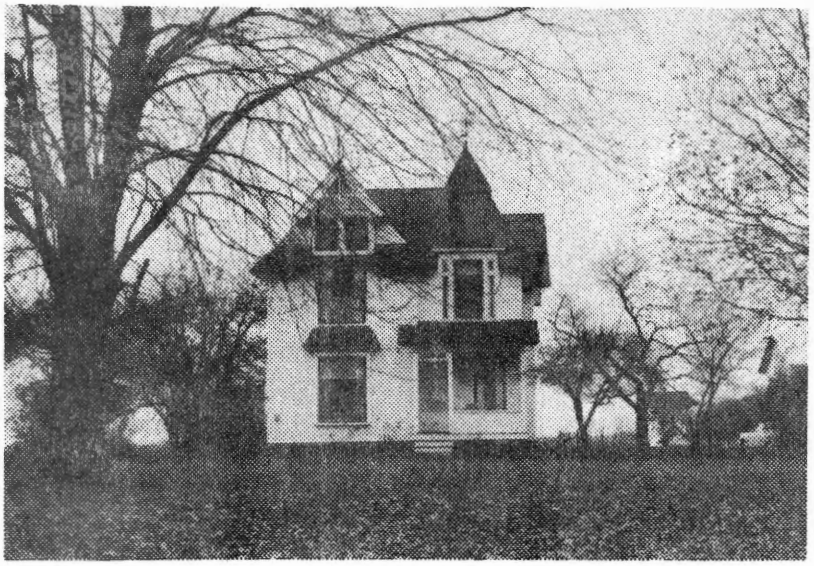
SLOUGH HOUSE

Built 1893-94 by Wm. Slough



Common Name:
Slough House

Location:
3409 S. Meridian Road
Okemos, Mich.

Present Owner:
Phillip Cassen
3114 Keswick Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Legal Description:
S.E. corner of S.E. ¼
of Section 36.

Physical Appearance:
Large Victorian 2½ story
frame structure.

Significance:
William Slough, who was the telegraph agent at the Meridian Railroad Station once located just north of here, built this architecturally significant house in 1893-94, replacing an earlier structure built in the late 1860s. The 40 acres was assessed in 1882 to Hannah McCartney of Sececa County, Ohio for $750. In 1892 Livingston McCartney of Missouri sold this 40 acre inheritance property to Wm. Slough of Trout Lake, Chippewa Co., Mich., for $1200. The 1895 tax rolls assessed Wm. Slough for $1100, indicating this sizable structure to have been built in that period.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Twsp. Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Ingham County Deeds, Liber 113, page 356. Conversation with Esther Grettenberger Southworth, 10/74.

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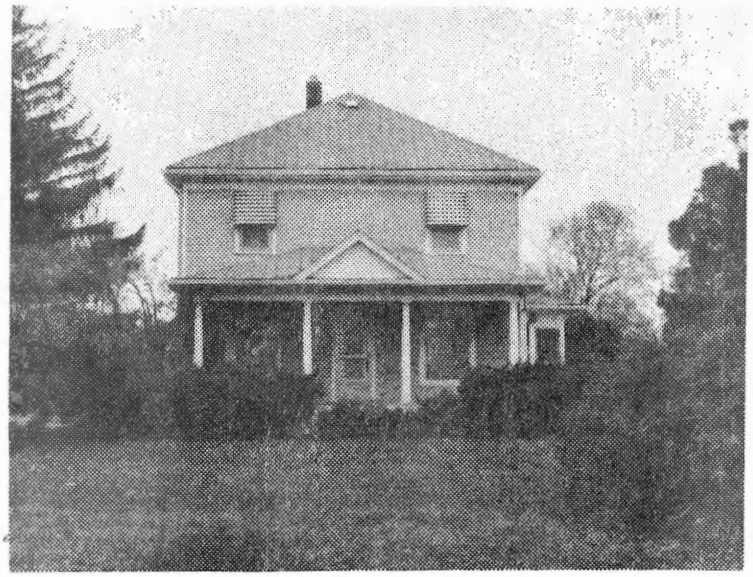
AREA: Dobie Road

A. Location:
4409 Dobie Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Charles Blackman
Built: 1895-1900
Built by: George Hammond



Description: Square two-story frame structure with a porch across the front. Addition on the back.

B. Location:
4292 Dobie Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner:
Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Bell
Built: 1900-1905
Built by: John Grettenberger

Description: Large two-story frame structure with front and side porch. This house replaced an earlier structure built in 1870-75 and now located behind the garage and used as a tool shed.

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A. Location:
4275 Dobie Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Charles Sander
Built: 1885-90
Built by: Conrad Helwig

Description: White frame, numerous alterations. The original house was a log structure replaced by the Helwigs.

B. Location:
3925 Dobie Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Betty C. Easton
Built: 1880-85
Built by: Schubel Hammond

Description: Shingle siding added. A back addition and the front porch enclosed.

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DISTRICT NO. 6 SCHOOL Built in 1859

Common Name:
District No. 6 School

Location:
4006 Dobie Rd.
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Evelyn Sanders and
Lucile Portwood

Legal Description:
5 acres on the S.W. Corner
of the S.E. ¼ of Section 27.

Physical Appearance:
White frame upright with a wing.
Enclosed front porch.

Significance:
A part of this structure was the early school house in District No. 6 serving the students of this area east of the Okemos village. In 1858 the school district purchased 3/4 of an acre of land in this southwest corner of the S.E. ¼ of Section 27 for $12 from A. G. Strayer "for purpose of school house site for said district". In 1859 the State School Inspector's report to the Department of Education listed Henry Sayrs, Director, and a total of 15 students served in the district that year. The following year the Inspectors began reporting the valuation of school structures and District No. 6 was valued at $258. By 1872 the valuation had reached $300 with a total of 21 students attending the school. In 1873 a new school house was built farther south on Barney Road (now Dobie Road) adjacent to the farm of the District Director, Morris Hammond.

In August of 1873 the School District sold the 3/4 acre early school site to Jerry C. Gallop of Meridian, who in June had purchased the adjoining 4 acres. Descendents of early settlers, born on nearby farms, speak of family references to this early school that the Gallops incorporated into their house.

According to the present owner, who purchased the property in 1949 and has undertaken considerable interior remodeling, the wing and upright portion contain different materials and methods of construction. Though they are both of an early period evidence indicates they were two structures joined or built at different times. Removal of old horsehair plaster revealed newspapers dated 1875 under which was an earlier wood wainscoting.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Ingham County Deeds; Mich. Dept. of Education School Inspectors Reports, State Archives, Conversations with: Mrs. Fern Keesler, 11/73; Mrs. Kate Welch 2/73; Miss Evelyn Sanders 4/74.

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PERRY YOUNG HOUSE

Built in 1878 by Perry Young

Common Name:
Perry Young Farm House

Location:
4015 Dobie Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
L. F. Niergarth
of above address

Legal Description:
S.E. corner of the S. ½
of the S.W. ¼ of Section 27.

Physical Appearance:
White frame two-story
with a wing.

Significance:
The 1874 county atlas shows this parcel of 92 acres owned by Perry Young, but no structure is shown. The 1877 tax rolls show it assessed for $950 and by 1879 it was assessed for $2800. Kate Young Welch states that this house was built by her father, Perry Young, and that she and her sisters were born here, the eldest in 1878.

Perry Young was the son of Daniel Young, who with his brother George C. Young, came to Meridian Township from New York State in 1843, purchasing a large parcel in the area of Grand River, Hamilton and Dobie Roads. This area was for many years known as "Young's Corners". Perry was born in a log cabin located across from the present Crest Theater which was also the location of the first school taught in 1844 by Mrs. Welch's maternal grandmother, Mary Stillman.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; interview with Mrs. Kate Young Welch, February, 1973; Ingham County Atlas, 1874.

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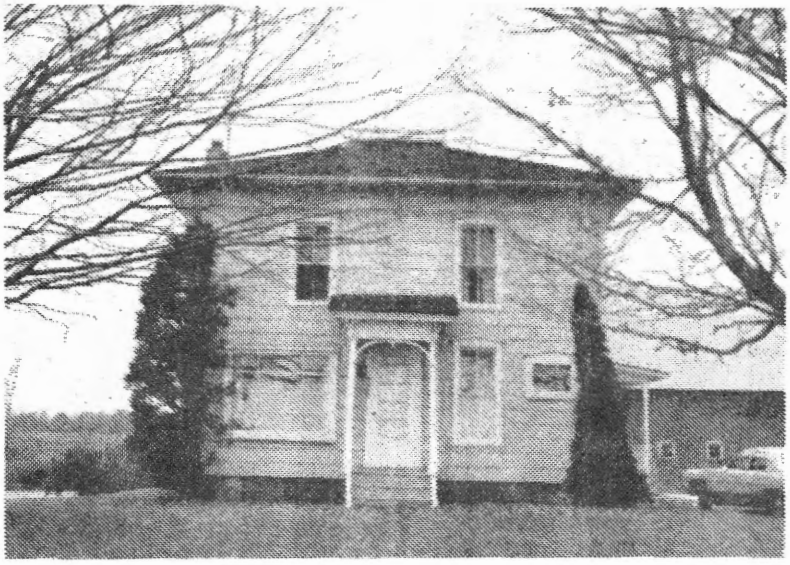
HAMMOND - KEESLER HOUSE

Built 1884 by John Hammond



Common Name:
Hammond-Keesler House

Location:
3965 Dobie Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Mrs. Fern Keesler
of above address

Legal Description:
North part of the N.W. ¼
of Section 34.

Physical Appearance:
A square two-story Italianate structure with white shingle siding.

Significance:
Mrs. Fern Keesler was born in this house and states that her father, John Hammond, built it in 1884 on a parcel of his father's farm. Morris Hammond owned 200 acres along the west side of Dobie Road (then known as Barney Road) as early as 1869 and the entire 200 acres were still assessed to him in 1882. By 1886 a parcel of 50 acres in the north part of the N.E. ¼ was assessed to John Hammond for $1300 confirming the 1884 date.

The house originally had a railing around the square roof peak. This structure is one of the few remaining in the family of the builder and on land settled by them at this early date.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; interview with Mrs. Fern Hammond Keesler, November, 1973.

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HAMMOND HOUSE

Built in 1880-85
by Morris Hammond

Common Name:
Hammond House

Location:
3833 Dobie Road
Okemos, Michigan

Owner:
Kelly Thurston
of above address

Legal Description:
S.W. Corner of N.E. ¼
of Section 34

Physical Appearance:
A large square red brick structure of Italianate architecture with a porch which runs the full length across the front and both sides of the house. The cupola with windows on four sides has been removed.

Significance:
This architecturally significant structure was built in the early 1880s by Morris Hammond to replace the home destroyed by fire. Records show Mr. Hammond settled on 200 acres at this location around 1865. In 1873 the new school built in the district was named for him, probably for the eight years he had previously served as District Director.

The house was later occupied by his son, Shubael Hammond, Sheriff of Ingham County for a number of years and who, with his wife, was the "Keeper of the County Poor Farm"(Ingham County Extended Care Facility). When fire destroyed the county facility in 1885, the local newspaper carried an account of the heroic efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond to save the lives of the inmates, a number of whom perished in the fire.

Morris Hammond's granddaughter, Fern Hammond Keesler, still lives on a portion of that original 200 acre farm in the home built by her father, Morris Hammond's son, John.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Past & Present of the City of Lansing & Ingham County; Mich. Department of Education School Inspectors Reports, State Archives; interview with Fern Hammond Keesler, 11/73.

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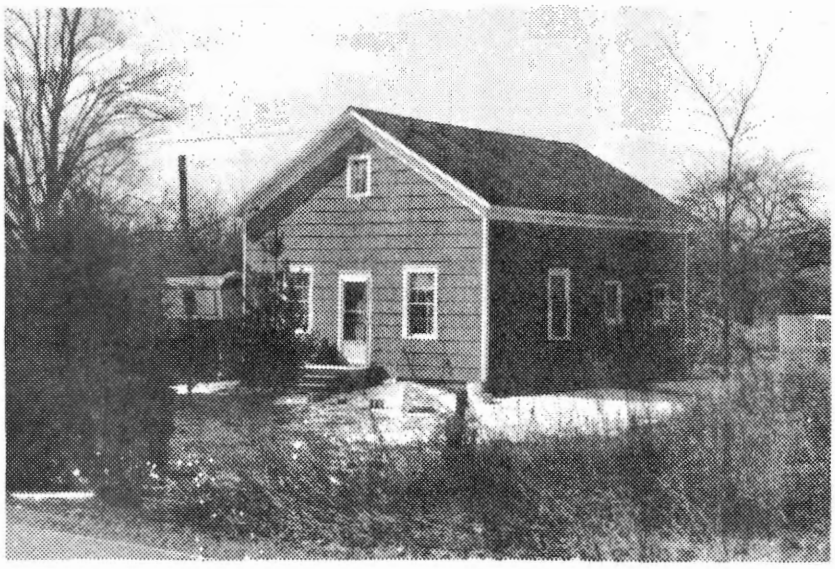
HAMMOND SCHOOL

Built in 1873



Common Name:
Hammond School

Location:
3745 Dobie Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Joe Musser of
above address

Legal Description:
N.E. corner of the
S.E. ¼ of Section 34

Physical Appearance:
Green shingle 1½ story
structure.

Significance:
This structure was originally the Hammond School built in 1873 to serve the students in District No. 6. Constructed for $700, with a seating capacity for 50 students, it replaced an earlier school located to the north of Barney (now Dobie) Road.

This ½ acre was dropped from the 160 acre farm of Noah Phelps in 1870 and by 1873 had been acquired by the School District. In August of 1873 the District sold their earlier property. The 1874 County Atlas shows a building identified as a school and again on the 1895 map it is shown as School No. 6.

According to two of its former students, Mrs. Fern Hammond Keesler and Mrs. Kate Young Welch, it was always known as the Hammond School. It was undoubtedly named for the District Director at the time of its construction, Morris Hammond, Mrs. Keesler's grandfather whose 200 acre farm adjoined the school site. Mrs. Welch's mother, Sarah Culver Young, taught the first term in the new school where she met Daniel Young whom she married the following year.

Following consolidation of the country schools in 1922, the building was sold and converted to residential use after serving the students in District No. 6 for a 50 year period.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Ingham County Deeds; Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Mich. Dept. of Education School Inspectors Reports, State Archives; Conversations with: Mrs. Fern Hammond Keesler, 11/73; Mrs. Kate Welch, 2/73; Mr. Joe Musser, 4/74.

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AREA: Hatch Road

Location:
1474 Hatch Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Gerald Dillinger
Built: 1880-85
Built by: Gottfried Herre

Description: Built for his son Karl. Little or no alterations.

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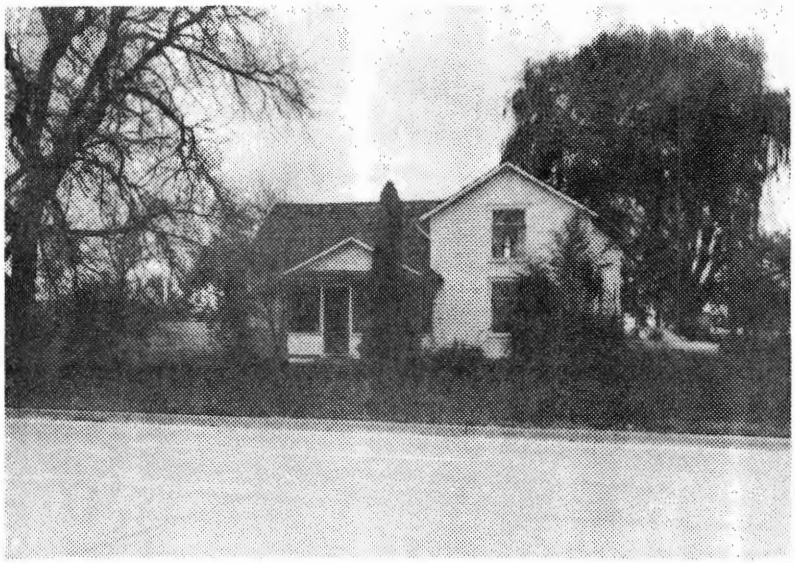
AREA: South Okemos Road

A. Location:
4363 Okemos Road
Okemos, Michigan
Owner: Chris Sower
Built: 1884
Built by: L. Kent



Description: 1 1/2 story white frame with a porch. Date on cornerstone.

B. Location:
4225½ Okemos Road back
structure south of
R.R. & the elevator,
Okemos, Michigan
Owner: Mrs. Frances Morris
Built: 1880-85
Built by: William Fuller

Description: One-story frame structure with shingle siding added.

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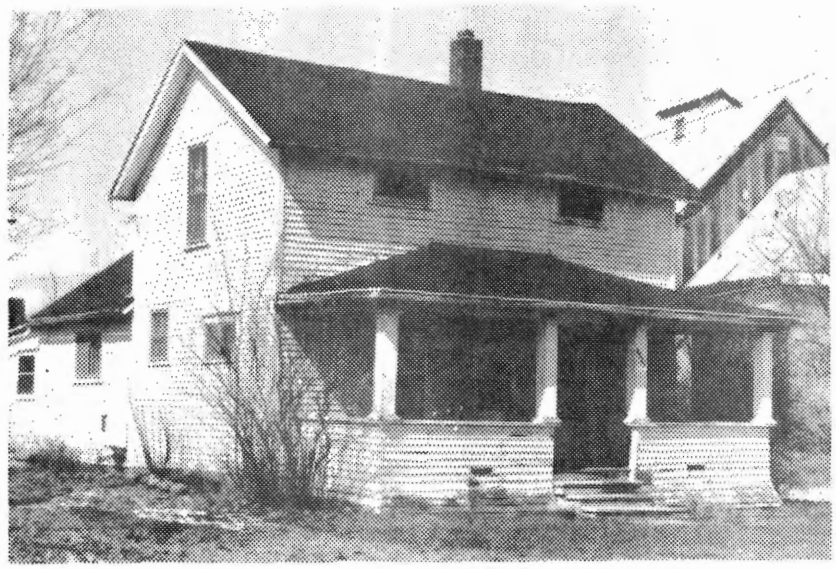
A. Location:
4225 Okemos Road
Okemos, Michigan
Owner: Mrs. Frances Morris
Built: 1870-74
Built by: John & Wm. Wilson



Description: 1 1/2 story frame structure with a front porch and eyebrow windows.

B. Location:
3891 Okemos Road
Okemos, Michigan
Owner: Paul Love
Built: 1870
Built by: Henry Stringham

Description: Two-story white frame structure. Expanded and altered in 1884-85. The porch and siding have been changed in more recent years.

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WILSON FARM Built in 1870 by John H. Wilson

Common Name:
Wilson Farm

Location:
4206 Okemos Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Mrs. Howard Cook

Legal Description:
N.W. corner of S.E. ¼ of Section 28

Physical Appearance:
Large two-and-a-half-story white shingle structure.

Significance:
The Wilson family had an active farming operation here, as the numerous farm buildings indicate. In 1867 this 100 acres was assessed to George Smith for $760 and by 1870 the same 100 acres was assessed to John Wilson for $2,000.

John H. Wilson came to Michigan in 1856 and was foreman in the first blacksmith shop in Lansing. He bought land in Meridian Township in 1859 and upon sale of that 120 acres he purchased this 100-acre parcel in 1869. He died in 1879 and his son, William O. Wilson, took over the farm. A biography of the family indicates they were prominent in agricultural interests. They operated a large dairy farm and also raised Holstein cattle and Chester White hogs.

Bibliographical References:
1874 County Atlas of Ingham County; Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Past & Present of the City of Lansing & Ingham County; Interview with O. J. Becker, June, 1972.

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FOSTER HOUSE

Built about 1880-85 by Hiram E. & William R. Foster

Common Name:
Foster House

Location:
4084 Okemos Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Fred W. Barratt of above address

Legal Description:
N.W. corner of S.W. ¼ of the S.E. ¼ of Section 28

Physical Appearance:
White shingle two-story with a wing.

Significance:
The 1879 tax rolls show this 60-acre parcel as part of the G.W Weaver farm on the west side of Okemos Road and assessed at $600. By 1886 it was assessed to Hiram E. & William R. Foster for $2400, suggesting that a building of same value had been built prior to that year and the present owners have been told that the house is about 100 years old.

Over the years there have been some changes in the internal room arrangements. The present owners removed a wall between the living room and dining section and have changed the kitchen and bath arrangement. The kitchen still retains the wide wooden floor, now carpeted. The dug-out basement has stone walls and an 8" x 8" oak beam supports the house. Asbestos shingles and aluminum storm windows have been added to the exterior.

Bibliographical References:
1895 Standard Atlas of Ingham County; Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; interview with Mrs. Fred Barratt, November 30, 1974.

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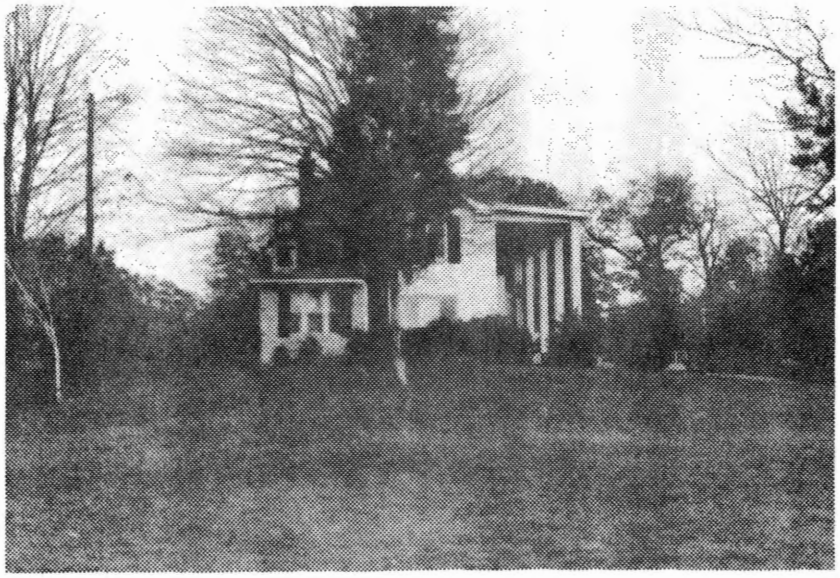
STACEY FOSTER HOUSE Built in 1869 by Stacey H. Foster



Common Name:
Stacey Foster House

Location:
3836 Okemos Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Don Hodney of
above address.

Legal Description:
S.W. ¼ of N.E. ¼
of Section 33.

Physical Appearance:
Large two-story white
frame and stone structure.

Significance:
The original portion of this structure appears to have been built in 1869 by Stacey H. Foster. The 1865 tax rolls show 160 acres assessed to a non-resident for $940. In 1869 this 160 acres was assessed to Mrs. S. H. Foster for $960 and in 1870 to S. H. Foster for $1900. The structure has undergone considerable alteration over the years.

Bibliographical References:
Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim.

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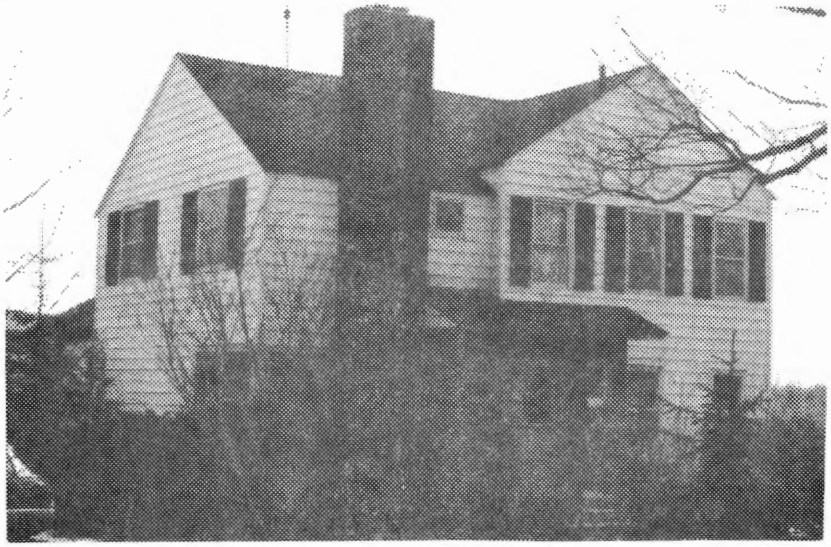
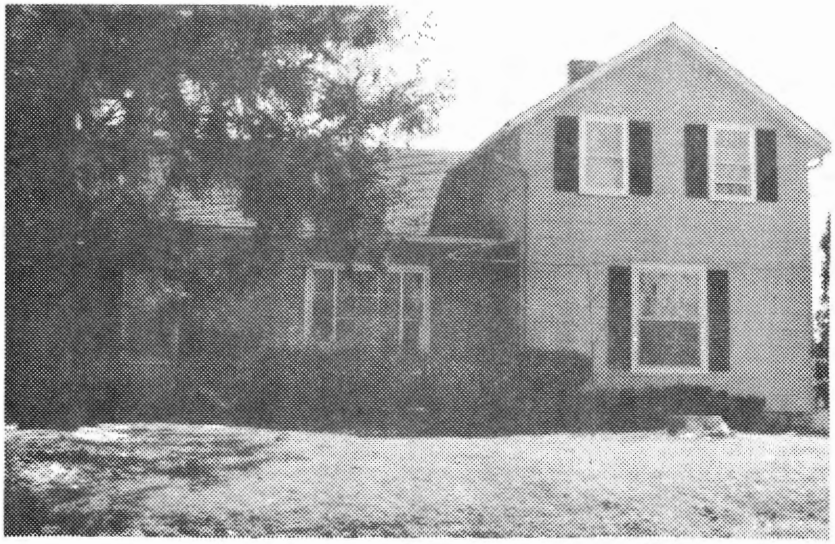
AREA: Hulett Road

A. Location:
4344 Hulett Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Earl Zetterholm
Built: 1870
Built by: Stephen Kent



Description: New siding and windows changed. Porch removed. Originally located on Okemos Rd. just south of Hulett Rd. and moved to this location around 1965.

B. Location:
4230 Hulett Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Norman Eberly
Built: Before 1874
Built by: Harvey Lapham



Description: New shingle siding and porch removed.

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A. Location:
4009 Hulett Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Roger Ederer
Built: 1885-90
Built by:
Mrs. J. H. Morrison

Description: Asphalt shingles over the wood siding. The floors are 6" tongue and groove oak. According to the newspapers the original structure, of log, burned in 1885.

B. Location:
3820 Hulett Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Russell Kleis
Built: 1870
Built by: Chas. Hulett

Description: The original portion of this house was a 24' x 24' structure, located near the power lines on Hulett Rd., which was moved by Chas. L. Hulett to this location to replace a structure that burned. In 1900 a 16' x 24' addition was made to the rear and in 1914 the roof was raised with a second floor adding 2 bedrooms to the structure. In 1957 the structure was completely remodeled by the present owner into a modern 4-bedroom family home.

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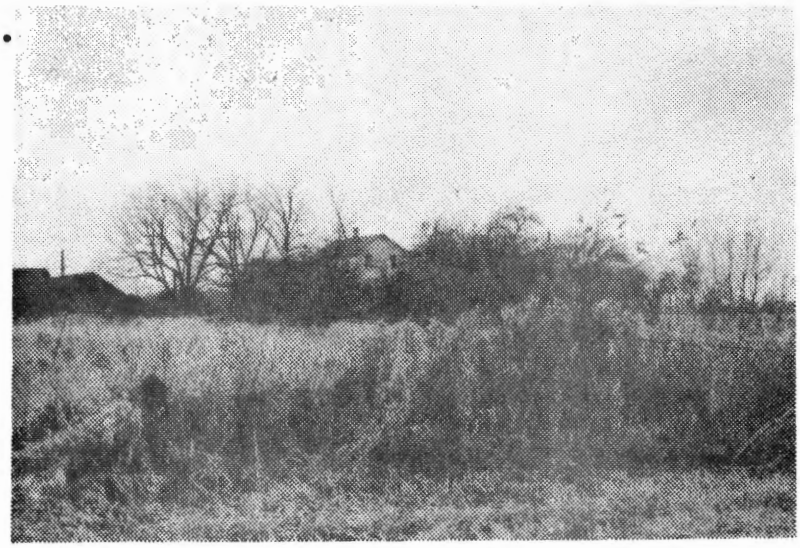
A. Location:
3685 Hulett Rd., Okemos, Mich.
Owner:
Stay Development Co.
Built: 1887
Built by: Gotlieb Stirm



Description: Vacated and rundown.

B. Location:
3560 Hulett Rd., Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Tina Netzloff
Built: 1875-80
Built by: Chas. Hulett, Sr.

Description: Two-story white frame. Excellent example of the period with no exterior alteration. Interior has been significantly altered.

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AREA: Bennett Road

A. Location:
2643 Bennett Rd., Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Marie Blinn Nichols
Built: 1896
Built by: Peter Blinn
Description: White frame with little alteration.

B. Location:
2917 Bennett Road., Okemos, Mich.
Owner: D.J. Dickinson
Built: 1880-85
Built by: H.L. Hulett
Description: Two-story white frame with porch. Little exterior alteration.

C. Location:
2806 Bennett Road, Okemos, Mich.
Owner: Earl Sturk
Built: 1880-85
Built by: C.A. Hoskins
Description: Two-story shingle. Altered.

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G. W. WEVER HOUSE

Built in 1870 by George W. Wever

Common Name:
G. W. Wever House

Location:
2290 Bennett Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Gloyd Stadel
2298 Bennett Road
Okemos, Michigan

Legal Description:
S. part of the S.W. ¼
of Section 28.

Physical Appearance:
Two-story white frame
of a "Saltbox" architecture.

Significance:
Geo. Williams was assessed $1000 for 140 acres in 1865. In 1869 he sold this parcel to George W. Wever for $5600 and the following year the tax rolls show this 140 acres assessed to Mr. Wever for $1600.

The house underwent extensive remodeling in 1900 at which time the roof was raised, creating the second story, and a back addition was built. The Wever family sold the farm in 1959.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Ingham County Deeds, Liber 44, page 506; Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Interview with Mrs. Phyllis Wever Beale, 2/74.

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BENNETT HOUSE

Built before 1884 by Oliver Brailey

Common Name:
Bennett House

Location:
Bennett Road
Okemos, Mich.

Present Owner:
Michigan State University

Legal Description:
S.E. corner of S.E. ¼ of Section 30.

Physical Appearance:
Weathered two-story seven gabled structure of frame construction with a back wing.

Significance:
In 1884 John Franklin Bennett purchased this 80 acres which the 1886 tax rolls show assessed for $1800. According to his son, Dell Bennett, the front portion of the house was built the year before his father bought the parcel. He later moved another structure from a site to the west and added it to the back of the house creating the present seven gabled structure.

John Franklin Bennett was born in 1858 on the nearby farm of his father, John Sr., who came to Michigan in 1852 with his brother, Peter Bennett. The two brothers purchased 160 acres of land from a party who had only 10 days earlier purchased it from the government. Mr. Bennett's grandson states that they were shown good farm land but were subsequently sold acreage which contained a great deal of swamp land. Bennett Road is named for these early settlers.

This property was purchased a number of years ago by the University but Dell Bennett has a life lease on the house and presently occupies it. The house has no electricity or inside plumbing and remains in its original state.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Past & Present of the City of Lansing & Ingham County; 1895 Standard Atlas of Ingham County Michigan.

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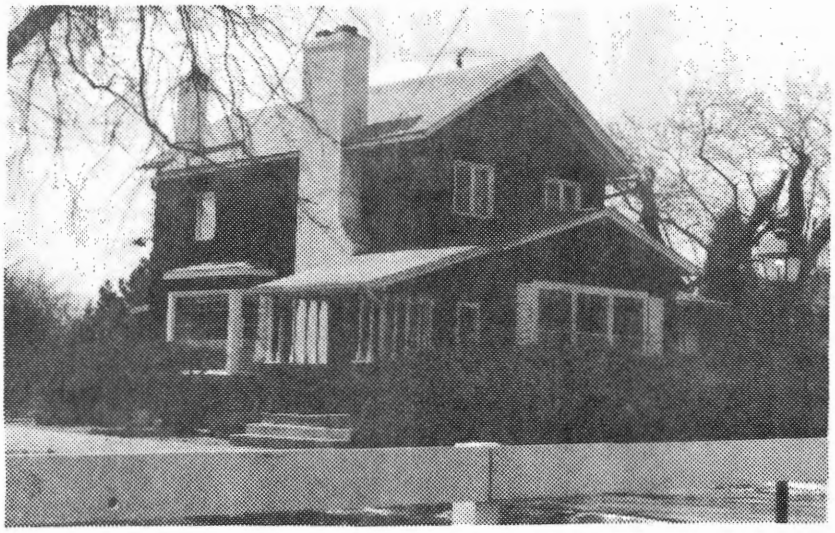
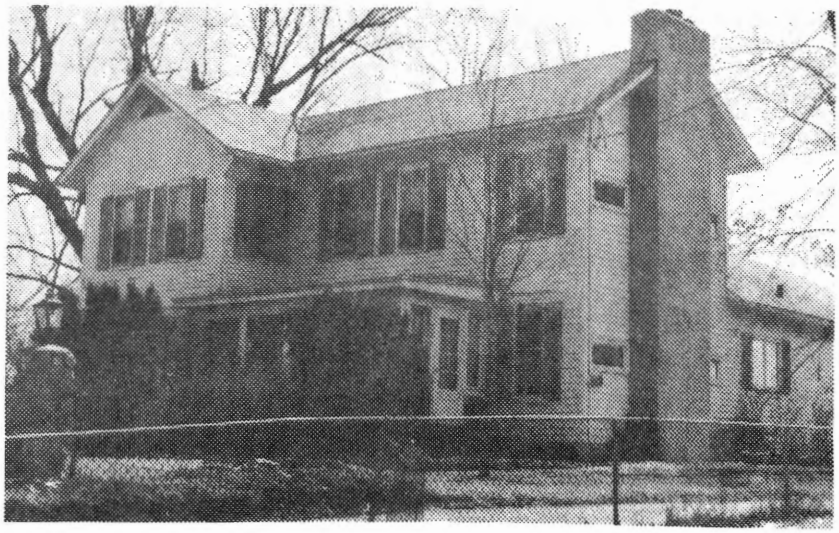
AREA: Mt. Hope Road

A. Location:
2767 Mt. Hope Rd., Okemos
Owner: T.J. Beaman
Built: 1880-85
Built by: Jeptha Hewitt



Description: Grey shingle two-story structure with some evidence of alteration made to the front portion. The retirement home of shoemaker, Jeptha Hewitt, who settled here in 1855 and farmed at this location for many years.

B. Location:
2821 Mt. Hope Road, Okemos
Owner: Sherwood Haynes
Built: 1865-70
Built by: Jeptha Hewitt



Description: Large two-story white frame structure with an enclosed front porch. The original portion of this structure was built by the Okemos Village Shoemaker, Jeptha Hewitt, who settled here in 1855. With his sons, Robert and Frank, he farmed for many years. Robert took over the farm in the 1880's making many improvements to the old farm home.

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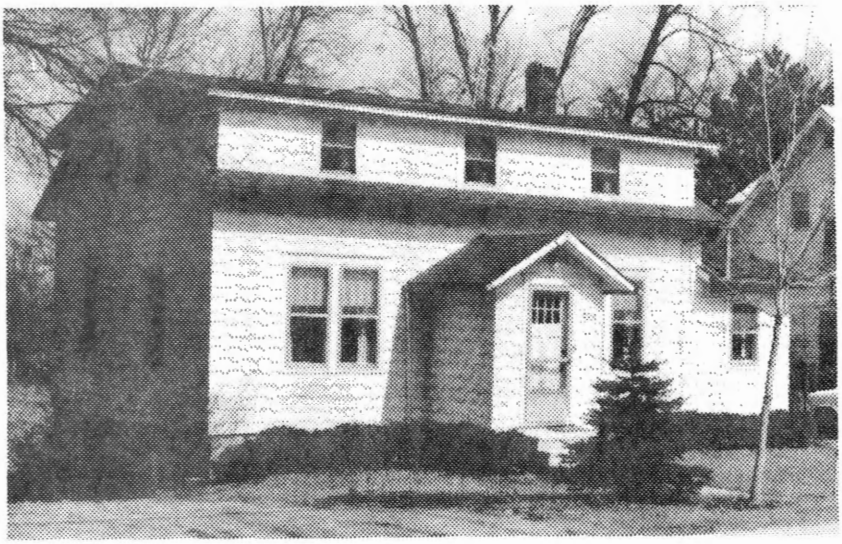
BENNETT SCHOOL Built in 1860



Common Name:
Bennett School

Location:
2310 E. Mt. Hope Road
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
George Madzia of
above address

Legal Description:
Part of the S.W. ¼
of Section 21.

Physical Appearance:
White 1½ story structure
which has had a dormer, new
windows and shingle siding
added.

Significance:
This structure was the District No. 3 School originally located on Bennett Road near the northwest corner of Hagadorn Road. Following consolidation of the country schools in 1923 the building was bought and moved to this location by the Okemos School Superintendent, Grover C. White, who converted it to his own residential use.

The District No. 3 School was built in 1860 at a cost of $525, with a seating capacity for 60 students. It replaced a structure with a valuation of $30, probably one of the three remaining log structures referred to in the 1859 School Inspectors Report to the Mich. Dept. of Education. George M. Tower of Lansing was the District Director with a total of 78 children, ages 4 to 18 years, living in the district, however, only 47 students attended the school that year.

The school district and the road upon which it was located were named for brothers John and Peter Bennett. Of German descent, they came from Ohio and purchased 160 acres on Section 31 of Meridian Township in 1851, only 10 days after a man named Bush had purchased it from the government. A Grandson of John Bennett, Dell Franklin Bennett, still lives just west of the original school site in the home built by his father, John Franklin Bennett.

Bibliographical References:
Mich. Dept. of Education School Inspector Reports, State Archives; Past & Present of the City of Lansing & Ingham County; 1874 & 1895 County Atlases; Conversations with: Morrow Kinney, Ruth Kelly, Gladys Everett, 1/74; Geo. Madzia, 11/74.

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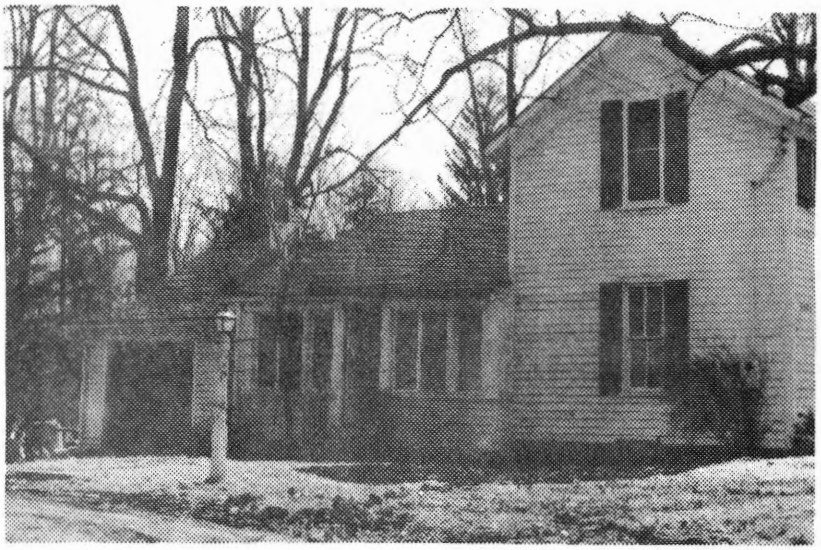
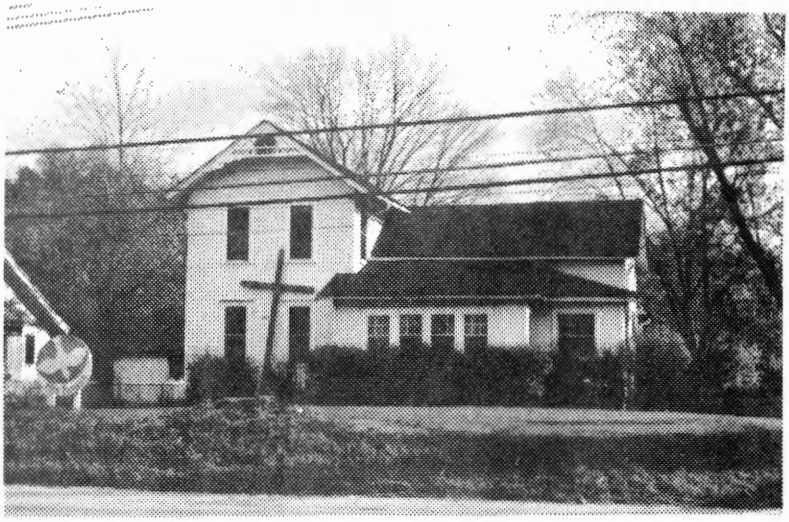
AREA: S. Hagadorn Road

A. Location:
4988 S. Hagadorn Road
East Lansing, Mich.
Owner:
Latter Day Saints Church
Built: 1870-74
Built by: Geo. Williams



Description: 1½ story white frame with evidence of some alterations made on the front windows.

B. Location:
4920 S. Hagadorn Road
East Lansing, Mich.
Owner:
M.S.U. Christian Ministry, Inc.
Built: 1880-85
Built by: Richard Hiscock



Description: Two-story white frame with the front porch enclosed. Now used as a student center.

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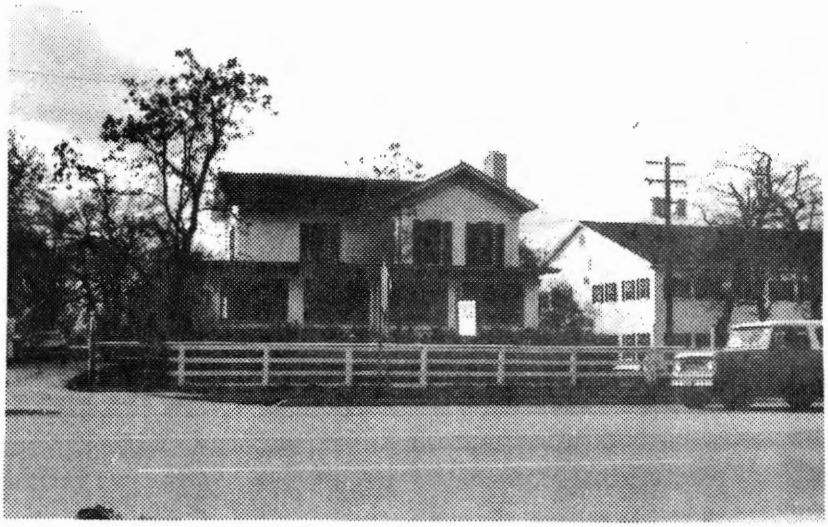
AREA: West Grand River Avenue

Location:
2843 E. Grand River
East Lansing, Mich.
Owner:
Eyde Construction Co.
Built: 1975
Built by: F. Beaman



Description: Large brick and frame structure. For many years the large farm of Truman Olin, later the Northwind Horse Farm of the Sam McKinleys'. Fire damaged the front portion in 1973. An enclosed front porch addition has been made and the red brick has been painted. Now used for offices.

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CHATTERTON - STURGESS HOUSE Built in 1855-58 by Daniel Chatterton

Common Name:
Chatterton - Sturgess House

Location:
1526 E. Grand River
East Lansing, Michigan

Present Owner:
Mid-State Investment Corp.
7133 East Shore Drive
Traverse City, Michigan

Legal Description:
N. part of W ½ of S.W. ¼
of Section 17

Physical Appearance:
White frame two-story
Greek Revival house.

Significance:
Daniel Chatterton came to Meridian in June of 1851 from Mt. Holly, Vt., and purchased 151 acres with two log structures for $1440. Letters written by his daughter to friends in Vermont indicated their intent to build another house soon. In 1854 the 151 acres was assessed for $1028 and by 1859 Daniel Chatterton was assessed $1100 for 70.31 acres. A picture taken of this house around 1875, and identified as the house believed to have been built by Daniel Chatterton, shows a structure mature in appearance and one which has undergone only minor alterations since that time.

Daniel Chatterton died in 1866 and his son-in-law, Augustus Sturgess bought the farm for $70 an acre. Mr. Sturgess was a prominent member of the Okemos Community, elected to the position of Justice of Peace for 16 years, Supervisor for two terms, Township Treasurer, Highway Commissioner and Drain Commission, and Sunday School Superintendent of the Methodist-Episcopal (now Community) Church for 21 years.

This house and the 70-acre farm were later purchased by Dr. J. W. Hagadorn, a well-known Lansing physician and for whom the nearby road was named.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Past and Present of the City of Lansing and Ingham County; interview with Ruth and Wendell Sturgess, October, 1973; letters written by Sarah Chatterton Sturgess, 1851 & 1852; Lansing State Republican, May, 1866.

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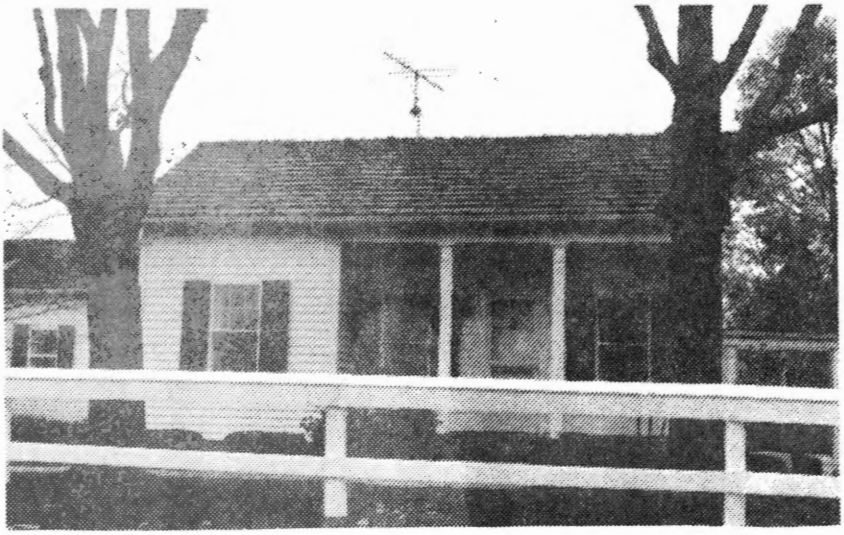
AREA: Park Lake Rd. and Raby Rd.

A. Location:
5229 Park Lake Road, E. Lansing, Mich.
Owner: Wm. Wallner
Built: 1880-82
Built by: Asa Proctor

Description: Two-story white brick. Front and side porches have been enclosed and the red brick has been painted.

B. Location:
5546 Park Lake Road, E. Lansing, Mich.
Owner: Mrs. John Beltz
Built: 1880-85
Built by: Henry Raby



Description: White frame single story with back and side additions. New siding and shake shingle roof.

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BURTRAW HOUSE

Built in 1882-85
by C.A. Burtraw

Common Name:
C. A. Burtraw House

Location:
2323 Raby Road
East Lansing, Mich.

Owner:
Mr. and Mrs. O.M. Aldrich
of above address.

Legal Description:
Part of S ½ of S.W. ¼
of Section 9.

Physical Appearance:
A one and one-half story
white frame structure with
a wing.

Significance:
The 1879 tax rolls list this 40 acres on the S.E. ¼ of the S.W.¼ of Section 9 in the name of Isiak Jaynes with an assessed value of $200. In 1882 the parcel was listed in the name of C.A. Burtraw with an assessed value of $500 and by 1886 the valuation had increased to $800.

The foundation under the upright portion is of stone with a bulkhead entry to the basement. The present owners bought the property in 1926 and have replaced the foundation under the wing. They have also added a kitchen and bath at the rear of the structure.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Verbal description by owners.

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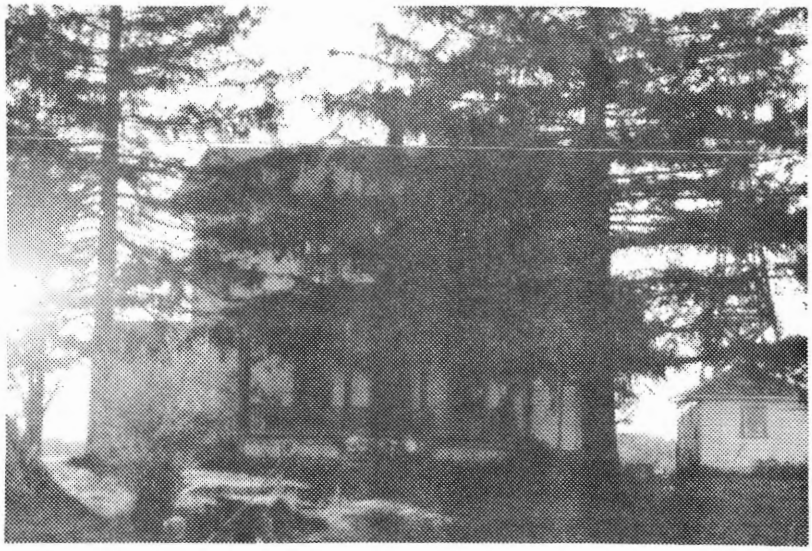
AREA: North Okemos Road

A. Location:
5370 N. Okemos Rd.
East Lansing, Mich.
Owner: Douglas Federau
Built: Before 1879
Built by: Jeremiah K. Hardy

Description: A two-story frame upright with a wing. The original structure was expanded and altered by S.N. Huff around 1895.

B. Location:
5347 N. Okemos Rd.
East Lansing, Mich.
Owner: Chas. McKane
Built: 1875
Built by: Michael Gilbert



Description: A two-story weathered frame structure built by German immigrant, Michael Gilbert, replacing an early log house. Adjacent to the structure is the well house supporting one of the few remaining wooden windmills.

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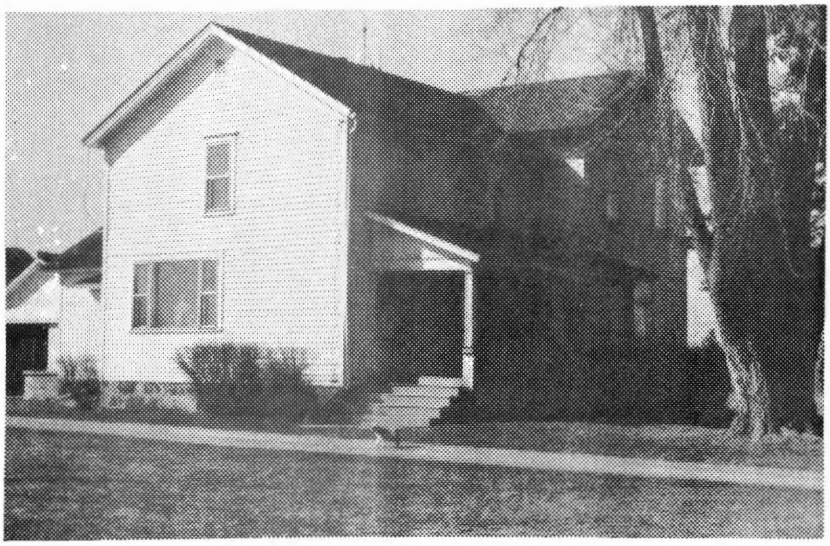
A. Location:
5404 N. Okemos Rd.
East Lansing, Mich.
Owner: Chas. Delamarter
Built: 1883-85
Built by: S.N. Huff

Description: A two-story frame upright with a wing. The tenant house on the Nelson Huff farm, it was expanded by Robt. Osborn in 1895.

B. Location:
5445 N. Okemos Rd.
East Lansing, Mich.
Owner: Richard Ridenour
Built: 1883-85
Built by: George Leibkrist



Description: A white frame two-story structure which replaced an early log house on this site. Extensively remodeled around 1922.

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GRETTENBERGER HOUSE

Built 1865-70
by John G. Grettenberger

Common Name:
John G. & Chas. F.
Grettenberger House

Location:
5032 N. Okemos Rd.
Okemos, Michigan

Present Owner:
Wm. Hicks
3650 Arbutus Dr.
Okemos, Michigan

Legal Description:
S.E. ¼ of S.E. ¼ of
Section 16.

Physical Appearance:
A large 2½ story frame structure with a central front gable. Aluminum window awnings have been added. Now converted to several apartment units.

Significance:
John George Grettenberger was the first of the Grettenbergers to settle in Meridian Township, one of the many German settlers to locate north and east of the Okemos village. In 1853 he bought 40 acres for $160 from the State of Mich. and by the following year he was assessed $300 for a total of 120 acres. From 1865 to 1870 there was an increase of $1180 in the assessment, a particularly large increase indicating a sizable structure.

In 1885 John G. Grettenberger deeded this 40 acre parcel to Chas. F. Grettenberger for $50 an acre. The tax assessment rolls show another significant increase from 1880 to 1885 of $1000. According to Mrs. Southworth, Charles Grettenberger expanded and altered the original structure.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Ingham Co. Deeds; Interviews with Esther Grettenberger Southworth, 3/74; Mamie Gilbert Daniels, 10/72.

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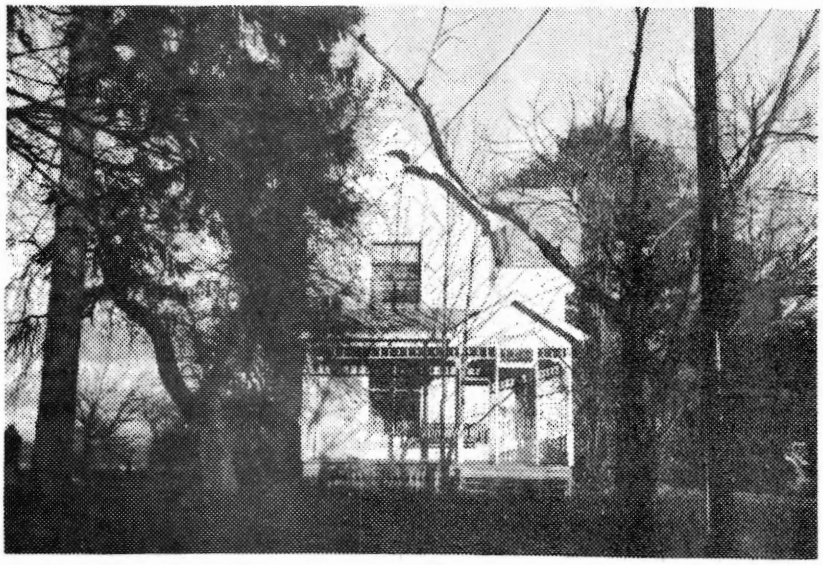
HURLEY HOUSE

Built in 1890-95 by James C. Hurley



Common Name:
Hurley House

Location:
5280 N. Okemos Road
East Lansing, Michigan

Present Owner:
Richard McKane of
above address.

Legal Description:
S.W. corner of S.E. ¼
of N.E. ¼ of Section 16.

Physical Appearance:
Two-story white frame
structure.

Significance:
James C. Hurley acquired this 19 acres from J. K. Hardy in 1880 and it was assessed at that time for $800. By 1895 the same 19 acres was assessed for $1300. Early residents of this area report that this house replaced an earlier structure which was then used for livestock for some years until it blew down in a storm, trapping a number of animals.

The architecture is indicative of this period.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; interviews with Mamie Daniels and Maynard Eberly; 1895 Standard Atlas of Ingham County Michigan.

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S. S. SMITH HOUSE

Built before 1874 by Stephen S. Smith

Common Name:
S.S. Smith house

Location:
5654 N. Okemos Rd.
East Lansing, Mich.

Owner:
Jan & Irene Estelle
of above address.

Legal Description:
Lot 61 of Pleasant Acres
on the N.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1
of Section 9.

Description:
A large frame structure containing 22 rooms and 3 living units. Little exterior alteration.

Significance:
The 1874 map identifies a large parcel in this area of Section 9 in the name of S.S. Smith. No structure is shown on the map but the supporting foundations of this house indicate a portion of it to have been built prior to 1874. In addition, the 1875 tax assessment rolls value the 160 acre parcel at $2000, a sizable valuation per acre. There is evidence that the structure was expanded several times and the tax rolls from 1883 through 1895 show a number of large increases.

Stephen Salvadore Smith was always known as "S.S. Smith," probably to avoid confusion with a counterpart and the numerous other Smiths in the northern part of Meridian Township.

Bibliography:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Inspection of the structure; Conversations with the owners and Roscoe Smith.

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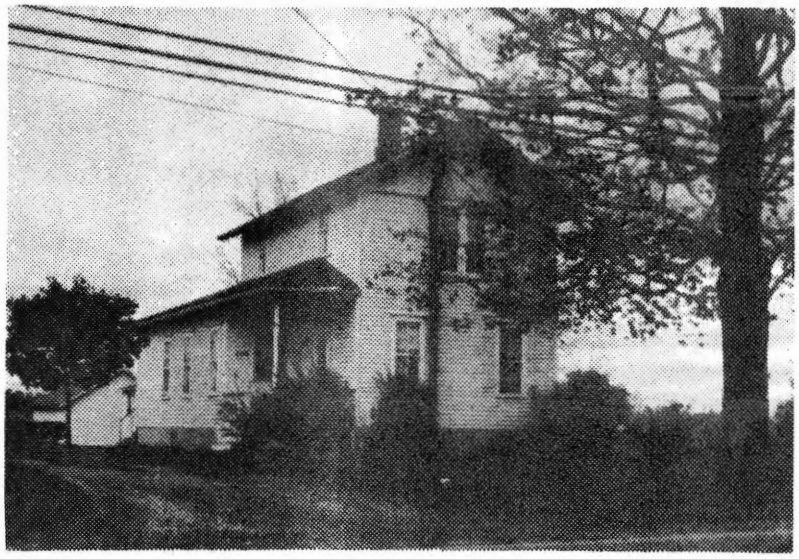
CULVER HOUSE

Built in 1884 by Zenith Culver



Common Name:
Culver Home

Location:
2150 Lake Lansing Road
East Lansing, Michigan

Owner:
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Foster
of above address

Legal Description: Pt.
of W. ½ of S.E. ¼ of Section 4

Physical Appearance:
A two-story upright with one-story addition on the back. Two rooms upstairs. Kitchen, dining room, sitting room, parlor and two bedrooms downstairs. Shed at back.

Significance:
This house was built by Zenith Culver, grandfather of Mrs. Foster, in 1884. The original log cabin on this property was built by George Culver (father of Zenith) in the 1850's. Quote taken from a diary of Mrs. Zenith Culver: "In 1884 commenced to build a shop to live in while building a house. Soon after moved into shop and tore down old log cabin that has sheltered us for years. Home finished in fall. 14th of November we moved in."

A gas furnace and a bathroom have been added in recent years. The property has been in same family for over 100 years.

Bibliographical References:
Tax receipts provided by owner, Mrs. Jay Foster, great granddaughter of George Culver. Verbal description by owners.

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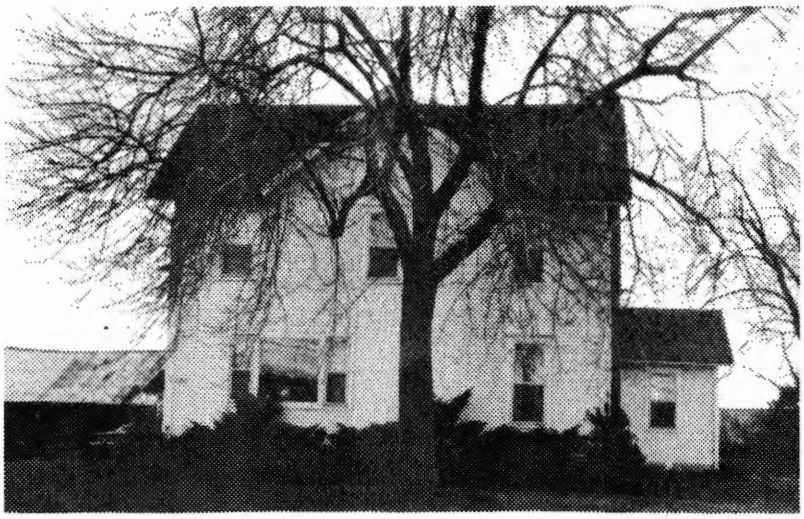
EVERETT HOUSE

Built in 1890-95
by Peter Everett



Common Name:
Everett House

Location:
2357 Lake Lansing Road
East Lansing, Mich.

Owner:
Arnold Everett of
above address:

Legal Description:
W. 1/2 of E 1/2 of
N.W. 1/4 of Section 9.

Physical Appearance:
Two-story white wooden
structure with a gable
in the front. Altered.

Significance:
Built in 1890-95 by Peter Everett, this structure has been altered over the years but was originally a two-storied structure. The basement which is constructed with the old limestone cement and stone contains hand-hewn beams.

Peter Everett does not appear on the tax rolls until 1890 and that year he paid only a personal tax. On the 1895 map a structure is shown on this property and the 1895 tax rolls show his 41.70 acres assessed for $1,500.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Verbal data from Mrs. Arnold Everett, Dec., 1974; 1895 Atlas of Ingham County.

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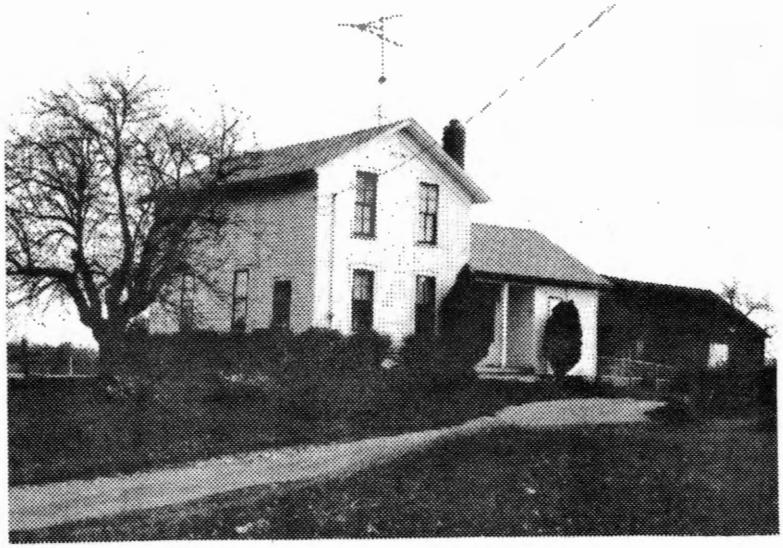
RENZ-SMITH HOUSE

Built before 1885
by Conrad Renz



Common Name:
Renz-Smith House

Location:
2669 Lake Lansing Road
East Lansing, Michigan

Owner's Name:
Otto and Martha Smith
of above address

Legal Description:
Part of W ½ of N.E. ¼
of Section 8.

Physical Appearance:
Two-story upright, one story wing, white frame, stone foundation.

Significance:
The Otto Smiths are only the second owners to have lived on this property. Conrad Renz purchased this land from a Mr. Cleveland who has purchased it from Government in 1837. A tax receipt dated 1857 describes the property E ½ of W ½ of N.E. ¼ Sec. 8 and E ½ of N.E. ¼ 71 and 14 acres with Tax $3.71. An old log structure (which was used as a sheep shed) stood on the property when the Smiths bought it in 1914. This building indicated that it may have been the original home on this site. The present house was built some time in late 1870's or early 1880's.

Bibliographical References:
Tax receipts dating back to 1857. Verbal description and history were provided by the owners who are in their middle 80's. Mr. Smith grew up in this section. His parents came to the United States from Germany when Mr. Smith was a baby.

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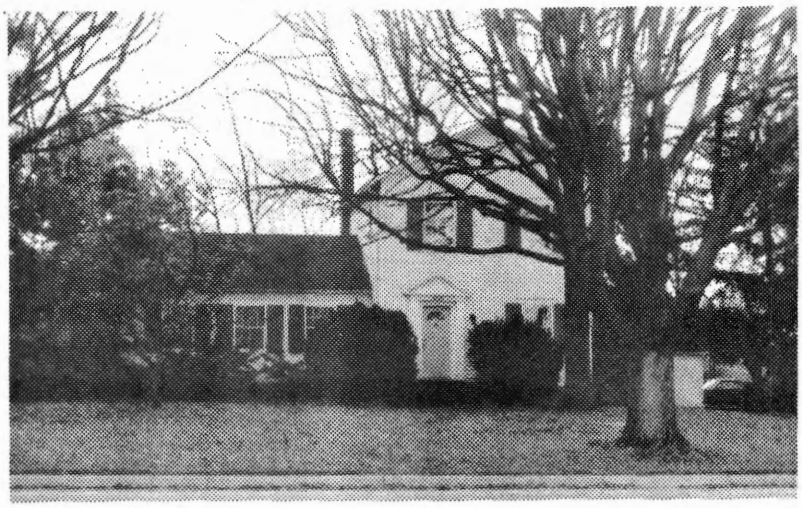
CLEVELAND - KAISER HOUSE

Built in 1849-50
by H. Cleveland



Common Name:
Cleveland-Kaiser House

Location:
2723 Lake Lansing Road
East Lansing, Michigan

Owner:
Nathan and Thelma Ballbach
of above address

Legal Description:
Part of NW ¼ of NE ¼,
Section 8

Physical Appearance:
White frame two-story house with a wing and an attached ell in back. Some alteration.

Significance:
The oldest section of this house was built in 1849 by H. Cleveland. The original three-room house is now the living room. The cellar under the original house has rough-hewn beams shaped by an ax, although the main part of the house has cut, saw-mill beams. There is a Michigan cellar of cobblestone with a sand and lime mixture used as cement. The first addition of the second story and west wing was in the 1850's. Square forged nails have been used throughout the older parts; the flooring is of saw-mill planks. The wing on the back was originally a shed.

The Kaiser family owned the house from 1869 to 1935, at which time Mrs. Ballbach's father, Alfred W. Bowes, bought the house. The present owners have modernized the structure, adding plumbing, electricity, and heating.

Bibliographical Reference:
Abstract information supplied by owner's son, Philip T. Ballbach.

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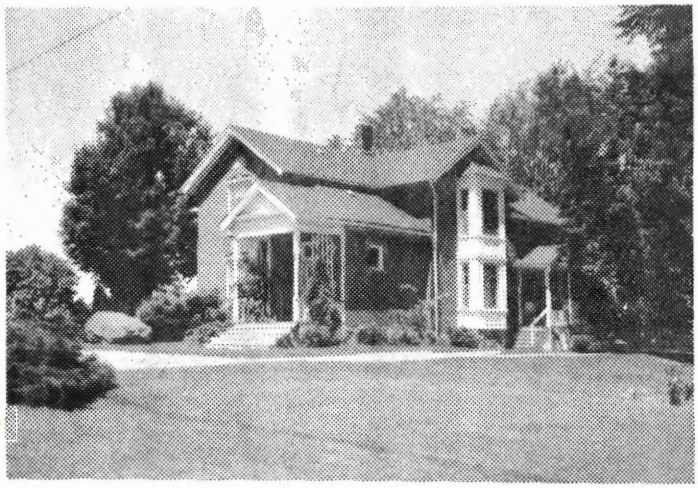
CARL HOUSE

Built in 1893 by
Charles L. Carl



Common Name:
Carl House

Location:
2858 Lake Lansing Road
East Lansing, Michigan

Owner:
Walnut Hills Golf Club
of above address.

Legal Description:
Pt. of S.E. ¼ of S.W. ¼
of Section 5

Physical Appearance:
Large two-story red brick house with ornamentation above windows.

Significance:
Built in 1893 by Charles L. Carl, this structure stands on land once owned by "the oldest settler between Pine Lake and Lansing," according to an 1883 newspaper account. The 1874 map shows that "Jop" Carl settled on this property in 1843. The 1883 account noted that Carl had sold his farm and planned to move out of the township and told of fifty of his friends giving him a surprise party at which they presented him with a beautiful set of silver knives and forks and a silver cake basket. Apparently Carl had already given some of his land to his sons for the 1874 map shows a J.W. Carl as owner of 40 acres adjoining "Jop" Carl's land and the 1886 tax list shows J.D. Carl as owner of 110 acres of property in Section 5, the same location. Later tax lists show the owner as Charles L. Carl. On the 1894 tax list, one eight-acre piece of the property was valued at $3,600, indicating a sizeable structure on the land. The Carl School, formerly located on the northwest corner of M-78 and Lake Lansing Road and in operation until after World War II, was named for this family.

The house has undergone considerable remodeling on the interior over the years but the exterior is essentially the same shape as it was originally. The porches have been recently rebuilt but are in the same place on the structure as they were originally. The basement is of stone structure and one small room has a dirt floor. The original window glass in the downstairs windows has recently been replaced but the old glass remains upstairs. The date, 1893 is engraved in the front peak of the house.

Bibliographical References:
Lansing Republican, March 28, 1883; Ingham County Atlas, 1874 Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; verbal data by Vera Ralya and by Mrs. Thomas, current occupant of the house; 1895 Atlas of Ingham County; Ingham County Deeds.

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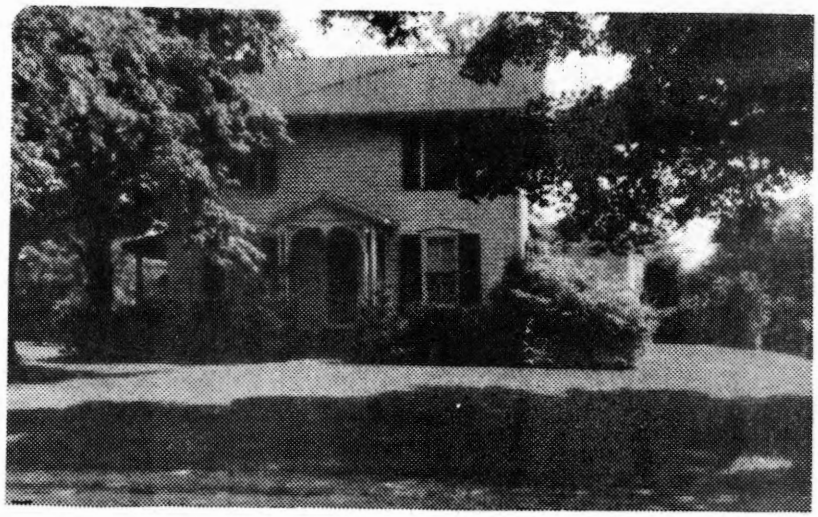
AREA: LAKE LANSING ROAD

A. Location:
1042 Lake Lansing Rd.
East Lansing, Mich.
Owner: Mrs. Alice Kirby
Built: 1883-85
Built by: Sarah Gibson
& Son, Frank.



Description: A green-shuttered two-story white frame structure with an attached ell at the back. The center porch entrance, front door with accompanying screen door, windows and trim all appear to be original to the structure. Replaced an earlier structure.

B. Location:
3108 Lake Lansing Rd.
East Lansing, Mich.
Owner: Whitehills Devmt.
Built: 1895-1900
Built by: Hardy Bros.

Description: A two-story frame structure with a porch across the front which appears to have replaced an earlier structure shown on the 1874 map. The Hardy Brothers, Anson and Origin, were prominent businessmen around the Pine Lake (Lake Lansing) area. They were the sons of Ruben K. Hardy, born in New Hampshire, who bought 40 acres of land in this section of Meridian Township in 1856.

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EASTMAN - KIMBALL HOUSE

Built before 1883

Common Name:
Eastman-Kimball House

Location:
6137 Green Road
Haslett, Michigan

Owner's Name:
Richard Kimball of
above address

Legal Description:
S. ½ of Section 1

Physical Appearance:
Square white house with
a wing at the back.
Altered.

Significance:
Built prior to 1883, this house stands on property once owned by Henry Cleveland. The first post office for the area, the Alverson Post Office, was established on this land September 23, 1852. Mr. S. Alverson was post master at that time and the post office continued in use until 1867. The tax records show that Charles Eastman owned the property in 1883 and was assessed for it in two parts -- 156¼ acres and 76½ acres at $3,000 and $1,200 respectively. This size assessment indicates that a sizeable structure was on the property at this time.

There have been some changes in the house. In 1939 the structure was remodeled by Arthur Drake of Lansing. Prior to this time, there was a cistern under the back wing. Central plumbing and heating have been added. The original porches on the house have been removed and another added on the north side.

Bibliographical References:
Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; verbal data from Mrs. Richard Kimball; Raphael, A History of the Haslett-Lake Lansing Area, p. 25.

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AARON SMITH HOUSE

Built in 1881
by Aaron Smith

Common Name:
Aaron Smith House

Location:
6269 Green Road
Haslett, Mich.

Owner:
Mr. & Mrs. Burl George
of above address

Legal Description:
A part of the S. 1/2 of
the N.E. 1/4 of Section 1

Physical Appearance:
A large buff-colored brick home of many rooms with cement ornamentation above the windows and elaborate cornices. The foundation is of heavy stones and the basement windows have the original bars.

Significance:
James Smith was one of the first settlers in Clinton County. Hiram Smith, one of his 14 children, bought land in Sections 1 & 2 of Meridian Township adjoining the Clinton-Ingham County line and along the north shore of Pine Lake (Lake Lansing). The 1874 map shows this 80-acre parcel in the name of Hiram Smith and the 1875 tax rolls show an assessed valuation of $350. In 1877 the parcel was listed in the name of his son, Aaron Smith, with a valuation of $400 and by 1883 the assessment had increased to $1600. The Lansing State Republican newspaper carried the following item in the Meridian news column on Nov. 30, 1881:

"Aaron Smith has completed a farm house veneered with brick-two uprights and a wing, three verandas and contains 12 rooms."

The property has changed hands several times and the house became run down inside. The present owners are in the process of renovating the interior but plan to keep the exterior as it has been for many years. An iron fence stands in front of the house and there is an iron railing around the front porch which came from the old Saginaw Street bridge.

Bibliographical References:
Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls, passim; Lansing State Republican Newspaper; Verbal description by owners; History by Mary and Orlo Elliott, grand niece and nephew of Hiram Smith, and Roscoe Smith.

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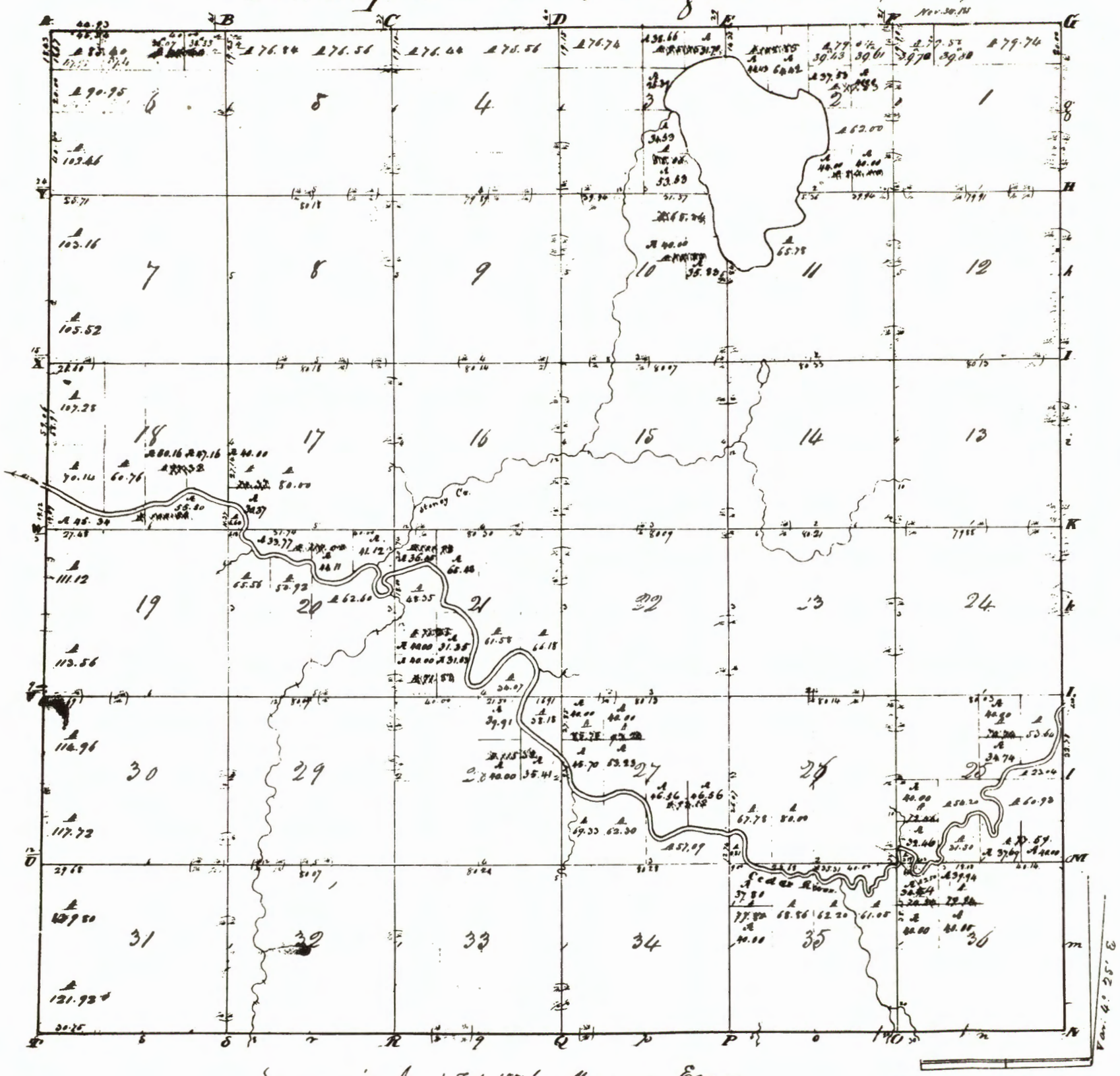

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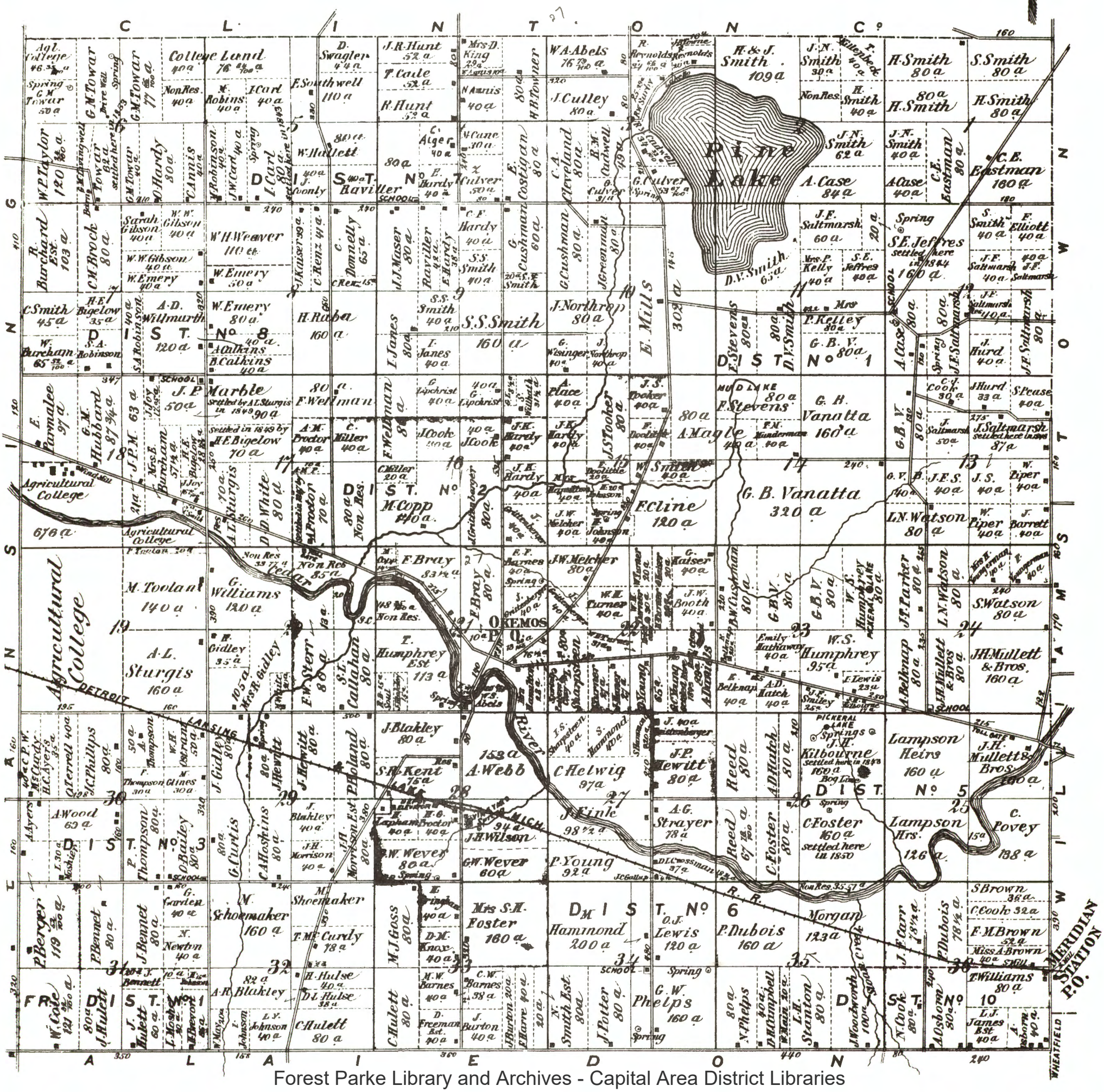

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